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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at Anderton's Hotel. There was a large attendance of the brethren, Bro. S. R. Lambie, W.M., presided, and among the other brethren present were Past Masters C. B. Payne, H. G. Buss (Treasurer), D. H. Jacobs, J. Sheppard, W. H. Libbis, H. F. Hoare, John Coutts, F. Harrison, J. B. Poole, and Charles Atkins. Among the officers were Bros. John Green, S.W.; John Walker, S.D.; Walter D. Pattenden, J.D.; W. Richards, I.G.; and T. J. Maidwell, D.C. The W.M. raised Bro. John Lindell, and initiated Mr. John Riches. It was resolved that a summer banquet should be held, and the brethren were informed that a lodge of instruction to work under this lodge had been established, to meet on those Thursday evenings throughout the year on which the parent lodge did not meet, the place of meeting to be Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 119, Leadenhall-street, and the hour 7.30; the lodge to be closed at 9.30. The brethren then voted ten guineas to the list of Bro. J. Poole, P.M., who stands as a Steward for the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 11th proximo. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the W.M. accompanied by his officers and the other members of the lodge, and Bros. J. Crawley, 174; Arthur Grubb, 73, I.C.; and I. Asshur Allison, 90, sat down to a delightful banquet. The toasts were in due course proposed and honoured. The W.M. in reply to the toast proposed and drunk in his favour, assured the brethren that whether in the office he now filled, or in the others through which he had passed, he had always endeavoured to perform his duties. He then proposed "The Past Masters," of whom there were nine he had himself seen go through the chair since he joined, and he hoped they would all be spared many, many years to give the brethren their advice and instruction. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Buss, Treasurer, was called on to reply, and in the course of doing so assured the brethren that he was sensible of the honour of holding so high a position. As long as he had belonged to the lodge his chief object had been to promote its interests, and he had laboured hard with that object for many years. For a quarter of a century he had been Secretary, and also for a great part of that time acted as Treasurer, even while the late respected Bro. B. P. Todd was the actual Treasurer. No lodge had succeeded so well in arriving at a high position as the Egyptian had, and no lodge had subscribed so much to the charities. During the last 14 or 15 years £400 had been thus contributed. On that evening the lodge had entered on a new phase of existence; it had established a benevolent fund, and £150 was already in hand on that account. Next week £100 of that would be invested, so as to bring in the largest amount of revenue. It was not the intention of the lodge to make this fund available only for the members of this lodge, but it would, he hoped, aid the charities by placing a large sum on the list of any brother who would stand as Steward for whichever of the charities would be getting low. He was not one who wished to see a large fund accumulated. Let them give their money to cases of distress, and let the Masons of the future act for themselves. He could not see why the brethren should aspire to having £1,000 or £1,500 in hand, as some lodges had, and he hoped he should never see the benevolent fund of the Egyptian Lodge amount to that sum. If the brethren would support the institutions, they would be preventing so large a balance accumulating. Bro. Buss then thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters, and concluded by wishing the lodge every prosperity. The remaining toasts were afterwards disposed of, and the brethren separated.

FIRTH LODGE (141).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. The proceedings commenced at half past four o'clock in the afternoon. The officers present were: Bros. Kennet, W.M.; Waygood, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Mallett, S.D.; Wills, Acting J.D.; Darcy, I.G.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; Duart, P.M., Sec.; Themans, I.P.M. Among the visitors

were Bros. Gardner, W.M. 1381; Parnell, 101. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Pilbrow, Steng, and Chambers, passed Bro. Isaacs, and initiated Messrs. Elverston and Field. The whole of the ceremonies were ably and impressively performed. Bro. Taylor, P.M., then addressed the lodge at length upon a notice of motion which he gave at the last meeting that the initiatory monetary bye-law, No. 7, of the lodge should be altered from £5 5s. to £10 10s., in consequence of the great strength of the lodge and insufficiency of accommodation. This motion was fully discussed and ultimately seconded by Bro. Thomas, I.P.M. The W.M. moved, as an amendment, that the initiation fee should be increased from £5 5s. to £7 7s., which was seconded by Bro. Catmur. The amendment, upon being put, was carried by a majority of eight, and then put and carried as an original motion. Bro. Taylor, P.M., then proposed that the joining fees should be increased from £2 2s. and £3 3s. to £4 4s. and £5 5s., which was seconded by Bro. Davis, D.C., and carried unanimously. Bro. Taylor then moved that the visiting fee, on partaking of refreshment, should be ten shillings, except on nights of installation, when it should be twenty-one shillings, which was seconded by Bro. Wilson. The W.M. moved, and Bro. Hopwood, P.M., seconded, that the refreshment fees should be altered from 5s. and 7s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. and 15s. The amendment was carried by a large majority. Bro. Carter, P.M., Treas., was unanimously elected to act as Steward at the forthcoming Royal Installation at the Albert Hall, and a resolution passed that all his expenses should be paid by the lodge. Bro. Carter returned thanks, but expressed his unwillingness to receive anything from the funds of the lodge towards the expenses of the honourable position which his brethren had so kindly elected him to fulfil. It was moved by Bro. Davis, D.C., that the sum of £5 5s. should be placed on Bro. Hopwood's list as Steward to the Girls' Festival, and a like sum to Bro. Bennett as Steward for the Boys. This gave rise to considerable discussion, and Bro. Walls moved that the sum voted to each Steward for the institutions should be £3 3s., but upon the representations made by the W.M. and the Treasurer, both motions were withdrawn. The proceedings, which were very lengthy and animated, then terminated, and the lodge having been duly closed, the brethren separated.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—A meeting of this old established and flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 18th inst. There was a good muster of the brethren, who assembled at six o'clock in the evening, at which time the lodge was opened by Bros. Hume, W.M.; Wagner, S.W.; Elsom, P.M. (Dobie), J.W.; Watts, P.M., P.Z., &c., Treasurer; Arliss, P.M., P.Z., &c., Secretary; Palowka, S.D.; Read, J.D.; Sumner, I.G. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. Hammond, W.M. 1512, &c.; Davage, Carvill, Whitting, Robinson. Bro. Walls, I.G. 1503, &c., visited the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, passed Bro. Park to the F.C. degree, in a most excellent manner. The W.M. was then unanimously elected to act as Steward at the Installation of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. Bro. Hume, in acknowledging the honour awarded him, stated that when he came to the lodge that evening, he had intended not to accept the position should it be offered him, as he was of opinion that one of the old Past Masters of the lodge should be elected, but as it appeared to be the general wish of the brethren that he should stand, he accepted the office, which he would endeavour to carry out to the best of his ability, and to the honour of the Jordan Lodge. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant repast. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," which was duly honoured, and Bro. Read sang one verse of the National Anthem. The toasts of "The M.W.G.M." and "The Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," followed, and were received by the brethren with excellent "fire." Bro. Whitney, the I.P.M., upon being entrusted with the gavel, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily received. Bro. Hume, in reply thanked the brethren, and in the course of his speech, expressed his thanks to the Past Masters of the lodge who had, throughout his Masonic career, rendered him valuable aid, and by whose kindness and instruction he had been enabled to aspire, and ultimately attain, the dignified and honourable position which he then held. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," in a complimentary speech. Bro. Walls, in reply, said he felt unpleasantly situated at having to respond for himself as a visitor for the first time in his Masonic life. He had visited many lodges, and when the health of the visitors had been proposed, he had generally managed to escape from responding, by shifting the delicate duty upon another, but on the present occasion there was no help for it. He then touched briefly upon what he had witnessed, both in and out of the lodge, and in conclusion stated that the brethren of the Jordan Lodge ought to be proud of their Past Masters, many of whom had achieved high honours in other lodges and in many of the higher degrees, and he had to thank one of those distinguished brethren, viz. Bro. Hammond, for the pleasure he had that evening received in being invited to their lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which was duly responded to. In giving the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. spoke very highly of the services rendered to the brethren by their Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Watts and Arliss replied at length, and the former stated that he had been upwards of 30 years a Freemason, and that his love for the ancient Craft continued unabated, and that as long as his health would permit him, he should continue an active member of the Jordan Lodge. The latter reiterated the sentiments of his colleague, and hoped that his humble services as Secretary to the lodge would be always

deemed worthy of receiving so hearty a recognition as the W.M. had been pleased to express that evening, and which the brethren had so kindly endorsed. Between the toasts Bros. Read, Walls, and Watts, contributed several songs and a reading. The Tyler's toast brought the successful proceedings to a close, and the lodge separated.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 765).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Bridge House Hotel. Bro. Francis Child, W.M., presided, and initiated Mr. Benjamin Dafforn, and raised Bros. Marler, Nelson, Reed, and Taylor. Bro. Peter McCallum, of Glasgow, and Fetter Lane, London, was then installed as W.M. by Bro. Montagu Scott, P.M. and Secretary, and received the hearty congratulations of the brethren on his accession to the chair. The newly installed W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Thos. Brown, S.W.; R. W. Gibbs, J.W.; R. P. Hooton, Treasurer; M. Scott, Secretary; J. Cox, S.D.; S. W. Bidwell, J.D.; Goodwin, I.G.; Past Master Hyde, M.C.; I. Abbott, W.S.; W. G. Laing, Tyler. A P.M. jewel was presented to Bro. F. Child, for his great services to the lodge during his year of office. A banquet, provided by Bro. Joseph Spencer, was subsequently partaken of, and the toasts were proposed and responded to with a brevity and ability seldom equalled. Bro. Child in proposing the W.M.'s health, said he had watched his career with attention ever since that brother had become a Mason, and from what he had seen of him he was sure his year of office would be successful. The W.M., in reply, said that from the time he was initiated in this lodge he had been gratified at his progress, placed at last in the chair, and in a year that was to be such a crucial period in the history of Freemasonry, he must be said to have attained the summit of his ambition. He had longed for it for many a day. He had loved Masonry; it had been the solace of his soul, from his first joining it, and if people would only apply its principles and morality in their life and walk, it would be a consolation to their minds greater than any of the "Modes of Faith," which a zealot might fight for. Bro. Montagu Scott replied for the Past Masters. The initiate, Bro. Dafforn, said, he felt he had that night begun a good lesson; but he had often thought of it, and he hoped to become a better man for Freemasonry than he had been. "The Health of the Visitors" was afterwards proposed, and the remaining toasts having also been honoured, the brethren separated. Amongst the visitors, were Bros. F. Walters, P. A. Nairne, P.M. 176; G. Lemann, P.M. 176; H. Massey (Freemason), and twenty-three others. The annual audit report, which was brought up, received, and adopted, showed a balance of £70 7s. 9d. on account of the "General Fund," and £67 6s. 4d. at the London and Westminster Bank to the credit of the "Benevolent Fund."

THE ASAPHI LODGE (No. 1319) held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, April 6th. Present—Bros. E. Frewin, W.M.; W. Reed, P.M., as S.W.; W. A. Tinney, J.W.; H. Tinney, I.G.; E. Swanborough, D.C.; E. S. Jones, P.M., Sec.; C. Coot, P.M., P.G. Org. Middlesex; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M.; James Weaver, I.P.M., P.M. 862, P. Prov. G. Org. Middlesex; and several other brethren. Bro. Coles was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A notice of motion was given to remove the lodge from the Freemasons' Hall, in consequence of the ventilation of the Moira rooms being so bad; and the charge for the banquets at the tavern being considered exorbitant. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—This lodge met for the last time of its first year, under the presidency of Bro. William Stephens, W.M., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond Road, Dalston. The attendance of brethren was large, and included, besides the W.M., Bros. E. Somers, S.W.; W. D. Murlis, J.W.; Walford, Treasurer; W. Jones, P.M. 449, A.G.D.C., Norths, and Hunts, Secretary; Jessell, S.D.; E. Sim, I.G.; F. Ellen, Steward, numerous lay members of the lodge, and visitors, Bros. George Penn, G. W. Watkinson, 813; E. Crosby, 74; W. W. Fawn, 1305; E. Braine, 605; and T. H. Massey (Freemason). The W.M. raised Bro. Henry Morrey, George J. Glover, Samuel Smout, and Phillip A. Coard, and afterwards initiated Messrs. Charles Biggs, Charles Henry Fisher, and Frederick Charles Nevill. Bros. John Remington Brending, 781, and Henry Field, 200, were admitted as joining members of the lodge, and a motion by Bro. Murlis was carried to raise the initiation and joining fees. Bro. Somers, S.W., was elected unanimously W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. Stevens, Treasurer; and Bro. Gilchrist, Tyler. The brethren subsequently partook of a collation and honoured all the customary toasts. Bro. Stevens responded for the last time to the toast of his health as W.M., and congratulated the brethren on the high position which the lodge had attained by the exertions of all the brethren combined. He expressed his great gratification at this result, and the flourishing state of Freemasonry, and alluded to the forthcoming installation of the Prince of Wales, as an event to be remembered in the Order. With regard to what he had himself done, and which had been spoken of several times in this lodge in terms of approbation, he expressed the pleasure he felt at having so far succeeded in his endeavours to promote the good, both of the lodge, and the Order as to have secured the support of his brethren, and promised that in future his efforts in the same direction should not be relaxed. He afterwards proposed "The Initiates," whom he exhorted to follow the example that would be set them in the lodge, and to maintain the principles of the Order. The toast having been responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," for whom Bros. Walford and Jones replied, the former brother passing a high compliment on the ability of the W.M., who would shortly be a P.M. The Past Masters he always looked upon as brethren who were the support of a lodge. They had been described as "pillars" and "pillows," pillars to support,

and pillows to rest upon. He was glad that the toast had been proposed, as no doubt it was one which ought always to be honoured, and in this lodge it was acknowledged as it deserved to be. For himself, he hoped that whether as Treasurer, Deacon, Warden, or Master, he might be a pillar and a pillow, and respected by every member of the lodge. Bro. Jones, in his reply, congratulated the brethren on having had such a W.M. as Bro. Stephens, to whom he had been proud to render every assistance in his power. He was also glad to find that ever since the lodge had been started they had obtained such brethren as members and initiates as they had reason to be proud of. Their numbers were now getting so large, that at the former meeting they deemed it advisable to pass a motion restricting their number to fifty. They had initiated forty brethren since the establishment of the lodge. He trusted that in the future it would never be forgotten that Bro. Stephens had been the first Master of the lodge, and as an old Past Master he should look back upon this first year of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge with great delight. In proposing "The Officers," the W. Master thanked them for their services during his year, and felt sure that they would continue to do good to their fellow-creatures, as they had done in the past year. He also added that they deserved the thanks of every member of the lodge, and of the Craft generally. Brother Somers in reply said that this body never started as a featherbed lodge, if the P.M.'s wished to be pillows, he hoped that he should be a pillar, and that the foundation stone they had laid by giving 250 guineas towards the charities would lead to the capstone of a very much larger sum. If what they had done was a sure foundation stone for a noble building, which he trusted would be never disgraced, he would use his best exertions individually to improve the position of the lodge. If he should not do his work so well as the present W.M., it would not be from the want of will, but of power. From the time he entered into Masonry his heart had been in it, and he had endeavoured sincerely, zealously, and earnestly to carry his wishes out. He could only ask the brethren to help him to extend the advantages of the lodge as far as the charities were concerned, and prove that this was one of the brightest, ablest, and most useful of the lodges in London. Bro. Marlis also replied, and thanked the brethren for the support they had given to his list for the Girls' School. There were some brethren he had not yet asked, but if they felt themselves at all slighted he should be happy to receive their names. His list amounted to nearly £100 already, and he intended to make it more. If he had been rude in asking some brothers, or bashful in not asking others, he hoped the brethren to whom he had been rude would excuse him, and the brethren whom he had slighted would repair the defect. He had a capital list, and to shew that it was perfectly respectable he would inform them that Bro. Wm. Gordon, M.P., for Chelsea had placed his name on it. Bro. Jessell and Sim likewise responded, the latter brother saying that whatever might be required of him to do to improve the position of the lodge he should always do it. What he had done for the charities was a very small matter, but he hoped that next time, which he trusted would be before long, that he represented the charities of the Order he would go up with an amount which he must be proud of. The Tyler's Toast brought this very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

INSTRUCTION.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—A meeting of the brethren was held on the 25th ult., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 191, Leadenhall Street, for the purpose of constituting a lodge of instruction in connection with the Egyptian Lodge, 27, to be called the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Charles Adkins, I.P.M., 27, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. H. T. Hoare, P.M. 27, T. J. Maidwell, D. C. 27, George B. Chapman, D. Salmonese, J. T. Dickenson, A. Head, J. Murch, Charles A. Grammer, W. O. Wallbrook, and J. Crawley, P.M. 174. The Egyptian Lodge 27, having granted authority for a lodge of instruction being established in connection with it, it was proposed by Bro. Hoare, seconded by Bro. Wallbrook, and resolved, that the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction should meet at the above address every Thursday evening, at 7.30, and be closed at 9.30. It was then proposed by Bro. Hoare, seconded by Bro. Chapman, and resolved, that Bro. Joseph Crawley, P.M. 174, be appointed Preceptor. Bro. Maidwell proposed, Bro. Hoare seconded, and it was resolved, that Bro. Chapman be appointed Secretary pro tem. On the motion of Bro. Chapman, seconded by Bro. Salmonese, Bro. Charles Adkins was appointed Treasurer. The joining fee and subscription were fixed, and the Treasurer and Secretary were instructed to purchase the necessary clothing for officers, furniture, and working tools. Instructions were also given to the Treasurer and Secretary to obtain the approval of Grand Lodge, to the bye-laws of the lodge, and all the brethren present having paid their joining fee and subscription for a year, the first meeting was appointed to be held on the 8th inst., and the brethren adjourned till that date.

DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 860).—The annual festival of this lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Dallwood, W.M. of the parent lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. Joseph Crawley, Preceptor of the lodge; W. H. Wallington, W.M. elect of the Dalhousie Lodge; W. Bristo, P.M.; Ashburner, P.M. 1278; Taylor, D.C. 1426; Crane, 933; Crouch, 1278; Perrin, Knox, J.W. 160; Smith, Wordsley, White, and about a score of others. The sum of £5 was voted to the Girls' School, a similar sum having previously been subscribed to the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution, and a like sum to the Widows. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, and honoured the usual Masonic toasts. A fine musical treat was provided for the brethren

by Bros. Bristo, Wallington, Perrin and Rien. Bro. Crawley also gave some good recitations. In the course of the evening, the W.M. was much congratulated on attaining his high position, and complimented on filling the Master's chair, after having been the first initiate the lodge had the pleasure of making.

PROVINCIAL.

CANTERBURY.—UNITED INDUSTRIOS LODGE (No. 31).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday the 1st April. Present Bros. Capt. P.H. Knight, W.M., in the chair; Geo. Johnson, S.W.; Doctor B. Browning, J.W.; J. E. Wiltshire, S.D.; W. Sice, Org.; Strand, Tyler; John R. Hall, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Chas. Hallturn, P.M.; J. Coppin, P.M.; P. Higham, P.M.; Rev. L. G. H. Mason, M.M.; David Callard, M.M.; J. G. Shanks, P.M. 189, P.P. J. G. W. Devon, and several more brethren, members of the lodge. The minutes of the last lodge night were read and confirmed. The gavel was then placed in the hands of Bro. John R. Hale, P.M., and Doctor W. H. Longhurst, the Organist of Canterbury Cathedral, who had previously been regularly proposed, ballotted for, and unanimously elected, was initiated according to ancient custom. A committee consisting of the W.M. and his Wardens was appointed to confer with the St. Augustine's and the Royal Military Lodges for the purpose of fixing the day and making such arrangements may be necessary for holding a banquet to celebrate the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being installed as M.W.G.M. Some other business having been transacted the lodge was closed in due form and in due time.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 41).—The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, April 1st, which was but scantily attended, not more than 20 members being present. At 7.30 the lodge was opened by Bro. Mitchell, P.M., supported by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, acting as I.P.M.; Brown, S.W.; Everingham, J.W.; Ashley, P.M.; Treas.; Falkner, Sec.; Wilkinson, S.D.; Braham, J.D.; Birth, acting as I.G.; Gazzard, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology for non-attendance, caused by absence from Bath in each case, were read from Bros. Clark, W.M.; Major Preston, I.P.M.; and Carey, P.M. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P. as a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. A letter from the Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, was read, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the history of No. 41, as a present to the Library of Grand Lodge, and similar communications were announced from several private lodges. The chair was then taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who had been deputed by the W.M. to perform the ceremonies. Bro. Radway, having been examined as to his proficiency, was entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the second degree, the candidate re-admitted, and duly passed to the rank of Fellow Craft, the symbolism of the working tools being carefully explained by Bro. Birth. Bro. Jacob Smith was examined as to his knowledge of this degree, and having been complimented on the correctness of his answers, and duly entrusted, withdrew. On his return to the lodge, he was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who also gave the traditional history of the degree, and the charge connected with it, apologizing for omission of lectures on the tracing boards, for which there was not time. The lodge was resumed in the first degree. On the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the J.W. a vote of thanks was passed to the acting W.M. for the efficient manner in which he had presided and worked the ceremonies. The lodge was finally closed at a quarter to ten.

FOREST HILL.—WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The installation meeting of the West Kent Lodge, was held on the 27th ult., at the Forest Hill Hotel. Bro. Kindon, W.M., installed Bro. John Allen in the Master's chair, in the presence of a full lodge, and numerous visitors, among whom were Captain G. A. Smith, P.M. 619; Bro. C. J. Cooke, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; Bro. Alfred Avery, P.M. 619; and Bro. John White, W.M. 228. The W.M. appointed as his officers, Bros. H. D. Stead, S.W.; J. M. Stretch, J.W.; H. G. Warren, Treasurer; A. P. Leonard, Secretary; C. R. Crouch, S.D.; E. C. Massey, J.D.; and C. R. Crowden, I.G. The W.M. passed a brother to the second degree, and was afterwards unanimously elected himself to represent the lodge as Steward at the Installation of the Prince of Wales. A banquet followed the working of the lodge, and Bro. C. J. Cooke made an admirable speech in reply to the toast of "The Visitors."

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, April 3rd, at the Royal Archer, Dale-street. The lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Smith. The minutes being read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for an initiate and a joining member, and proved favourable in both cases. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the second degree, and passed Bros. Davies and Dickenson (they having previously answered the necessary questions and been entrusted). The ceremonies were most ably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Pearson, S.W., who presented the working tools in such a manner as to call forth the unanimous praise of the brethren. Bro. Chas. J. Kent afterwards delivered the lecture on the second tracing board with such proficiency, as to be congratulated by the Past Masters and W.M. It is seldom we find in young lodges the J.W. being able to take such advanced positions as delivering the lectures, and lodges that possess such able workers in their junior officers can look forward to years of prosperity and proficiency. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and notice of motion given by the I.P.M., Bro. Jno. W. Turner, that the initiation and joining fees be raised. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. H. Kershaw, W.M., Imperial George, 78, Middleton; N. Dunville, P.M. Virtue, 152; William Dunville, S.W., Richmond; Geo. Ellis, Stamford and Warrington, 1408, Stalybridge. Business

being concluded, and the W.M. complimented on the efficiency of the working, the lodge was closed at 6.45. The refreshments, supplied by Bro. Potts, were, as usual, of the very best, and were appreciated by the members and visitors, and after the usual toasts, the brethren separated, well pleased and deeply impressed with the solemnity of the ceremonies they had seen so ably performed.

Royal Arch.

BARNSTAPLE.—LOYALTY AND VIRTUE CHAPTER (No. 251).—The quarterly communication of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, on Wednesday week. Chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals. Comp. Wiltshire as First Principal, assisted by an efficient staff of officers conducted the business of the chapter. Brothers Ficklin and Marks were exalted, and a proposition made for a joining member. This old chapter is now getting in a flourishing state; several brethren having of late joined it, it can now boast of a long list of members.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—WILLIAM DE LA MORE PRECEPTORY (No. 49).—A meeting of this preceptory was held on the 18th ult., at the Court House, Prescott, near Liverpool. Amongst those present were Sir Knights J. Kellett Smith, E.P.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.P.; Captain Turner, P.E.P.; R. Young, 1st Captain Henry Nelson, Registrar; Joseph Wood, Treasurer; W. Tyrer, Almoner; W. J. Thomson, C. of G.; W. S. Matthews, P. H. Whittaker, &c. The visitors were Sir Knights Captain Berry, P.G.S.B. 1st G. Captain and P.E.P. Jacques de Molay Preceptory; H. Burrows, Alpass Preceptory. The preceptory was opened in solemn form, and with prayer by Em. Sir Knt. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, E.P. The muster roll was called over, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Eminent Preceptor then proceeded to present Sir Knight Captain George Turner, P.E.P., with a very chaste and elegant silver cigar case, which had been subscribed for generally by the Sir Knights of the William de la More Preceptory in acknowledgment of his valuable and efficient services as G.M. Sir Knight Captain Berry eulogised in pointed and effective terms the peculiar aptitude of Sir Knight Turner for Masonic duties generally and Knight Templary in particular. Sir Knight H. Nelson, Registrar, then read a communication from the V.E. Prov. G. Prior, A. H. Royds, expressing his regret at not being able to attend the meeting; and expressing the pleasure it gave him to learn that the services of Sir Knight Turner were about to be recognised in a suitable manner, and complimenting the members of the preceptory generally on their presentation, of which he (the Prov. G. Prior) highly and heartily approved. The E.P. (Dr. Smith), then complimented Sir Knight Turner, and in an able and eloquent speech made the presentation. The article bore the following inscription:—"To Sir Knight Captain Turner, P.E.C., Prov. G.B.B., Lancashire, from the members of the William de la More Preceptory of Knights Templar, in recognition of past services, 1875." Sir Knight Turner, who appeared to be much affected by this token of approbation of his conduct, responded in feeling terms. The preceptory was then closed in solemn form, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the principal hotel, where a bounteous repast was served by Mrs. Lloyd in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR LANARKSHIRE.—This chapter met in solemn conclave for the first time after a lapse of fifteen years, in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 31st ult. There was a large and distinctly representative body of Royal Arch Masons present, numbering in all somewhere about seventy. The chair was occupied by Comp. J. A. Barrow, Most Excellent Supt., 30°, and the duties of the Croupiership were discharged by Comps. Thos. Halket, P.G. Treas. and A. McTaggart, P.G. Scribe E. Supporting the Chairman and Croupiers were Comps. Duckett, P.Z. 73; W. Smith, P.G. J., 30°; J. Balfour, P.G. 1st Sof.; John Fraser, P.G. Scribe N.; John Miller, Z. 50; Jas. Duthie, Z. 67; G. W. Wheeler, Z. 73; John Tweed, H. 73; Chalmers, No. 113; Paterson, 113; Grainger, 113; Wylie, 113; Schiff, 113; Ward, 113; Barr, 113; Julius Brodie, Z. 79; John Monro, Scribe E. 79; McDonald, P.Z. 73; John Stewart, J. 73; D. Gilchrist, P.Z. 73; A. Arrick Smith, 50; W. Phillips, Z. 87; D. Reid, 87; Robert Bell, M.E.C. St. Mungo Encampment; Comps. Mc Murdo, Z. 143; Laird, J. 143; Russell, N. 143; and Baker, E. 143. Amongst the general company we observed Comps. Robt. Fraser, 69; Sutherland, 117; Arch. W. Berry, 117; I. Miller, P. Prin. 117; Jas. Arnaud, Z. 144; Jno. Johnston, 122; Jas. Black, 119; &c. After supper, which was served up by Comp. S. Mc Phee, in the St. Andrew Restaurant, Hutcheson-st., in a chaste and elaborate style, the Chairman briefly addressed the companions. He said: It is little more than three years since I received my commission as Prov. Grand Supt. for Lanarkshire from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and therefore nearly three years since we formed this P.G. Chapter. During that time we have endeavoured to aid and foster Royal Arch Masonry in our province; and the presence of so many office-bearers and companions here to-night, representing as they do nearly every chapter in Lanarkshire, shows the esteem in which they regard the Order. To the Craft Masons merely, the R.A. degree is one to be looked forward to, whilst by those who have obtained its privileges, these are valued for the more ex-

alled knowledge of the principles of Freemasonry which they communicate. The Royal Arch is the highest order of Masonry, which can be called universal, and which may be adopted by men of all climes, and of every creed which acknowledges the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the Universe. The "higher orders," recognising and adopting the principles of the Christian faith, are not universal in the same sense. As R.A. Masons it is our duty and privilege to see that the principles of the Order are maintained and carried out to their full extent. These principles are, love to God, love to the brethren, charity towards all men, helping the distressed, and defending the cause of the orphan and widow. Let us endeavour to act up to these principles, so that at last we may receive in the Grand Chapter above the reward of "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The P.G. Chapter having been duly opened, and immediately thereafter adjourned, the companions were called from labour to refreshment. The Chairman then proposed in succession the toasts of the "Queen and the Craft," the "Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family," the "Army, Navy, and Volunteers," and "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland." In reference to this last named, the chairman read an apology for absence which had been received from Comp. Mackersy, expressing regret at his unavoidable absence, and a hope for the success of the meeting. In proposing the toast, the chairman referred to the full control exercised by the Supreme Chapter, and to past meetings of the R.A. Order under her superintendence; and expressed a hope that the present meeting would be a guarantee to the supreme body of the loyalty of the P.G. Chapter for Lanarkshire. In concluding, he (the chairman) was happy to say that the present state of R.A. Masonry in the province could bear favourable comparison with that during any other year in the past history. In proposing "The other Sup. Grand R.A. Chapters," Comp. W. Smith attributed to them much credit, especially to those of England, America, France, and Germany; remarking that they were far ahead of us in advocating and supporting every charitable institution that falls to be maintained by companions of the R.A. He hoped that in our own country, and more immediately in Glasgow, now that they had got a fresh start, they would put their shoulders to the wheel, and make renewed and increased endeavours to extend their charities. The toast of the "Prov. Grand R.A. Chapter for Lanarkshire" was then proposed by Comp. William Wylie. In the course of his remarks he referred to the importance of the toast, and to the principles of charity and benevolence touched upon by the previous speakers, and made graceful allusion to the late lamented Comp. Walker Arnott, whose name, he said, would go down to posterity, equally lauded for his position in literature and as a botanist, and for his indefatigable services to Freemasonry. He was glad to know that the present Superintendent was no unworthy successor to so eminent a companion. The M. E. Supt. shortly replied to the toast, remarking that he was not an orator but a worker. He had passed the best years of his life in the service of Craft Masonry, and could honestly say that while the latter was the school of their order, R.A. Masonry was its university. In conclusion he thanked the companions, especially the First Principals, for their cordial support in the past, and hoped by constant attention to his duties as P.G. Supt. to obtain their kindly aid in the future. The toast of "Daughter Chapters" was proposed by Comp. Jas. Balfour. He was certain, he said, that the toast would meet with hearty approval at their hands, because the success and prosperity of the Supreme and P.G. Chapters depended so greatly upon the healthy and good working condition of the daughter chapters under the jurisdiction. They all knew sufficient of R.A. Masonry to admire the grand principles upon which it was constituted, the order and regularity which pervaded it, and the good government necessitated at all times to carry out these principles. He hoped that their coming together that night would be the means of diffusing a more lively interest in R.A. Masonry, for there was no denying the fact that there had not hitherto been such an amount of this in the province as there might have been. He would suggest that the Principals should invite each other to their meetings, and the visitors lend a hand at the working of the degrees; and in case of there being no initiations or exaltations, they might form themselves into a Chapter of Instruction. Such reciprocity, he had no doubt, would tend greatly to increase the interest in R.A. Masonry. Several of the companions replied to the toast. After Comps. Jno. Miller and Jas. Duthie had briefly acknowledged it on behalf of their respective chapters, Comp. Wheeler made an elaborate reply, advocating unity in the Order, more general and systematic instruction in, and a higher appreciation of, its universal principles. From that night forward, he said, they should take a firmer and nobler step towards its advancement generally. Comp. J. Brodè, in his reply, referred to the fact that the P.G.R.A. Chapter for Lanarkshire had been, for some time, dead, but was now alive again, and likely to flourish in the future. Comp. Falkett made some appropriate remarks on the working of R.A. Masonry in England and elsewhere; and recommended periodical social meetings of the companions to be held at short intervals, to consider as to the best methods of advancing R.A. Masonry in this province, as well, generally, throughout the world. Comp. Annand replied for Lodge 124. He remarked that the want of success was not alone due to the office-bearers of the several chapters, but a good deal also to the members. He hoped that henceforth, at the end of every year, a grand demonstration would be held, that, in its issue, might tend to bind and consolidate the chapter, and the companions as well, in the social bond of unity. The P.G. Supt. next spoke in terms of commendation of the several replies which had been made by the First Principals. "The other Orders of Masonry" was then

given by Comp. A. McTaggart, who observed that that was the first time that that toast had been put upon a Masonic programme; and in course of his remarks as to the origin and antiquity of Masonry, remarked that its principles culminated in the universal Order in the R.A. degree, and had its full exposition, as regards the three degrees, in the ritual of the Royal Order of Scotland. He also referred to the harmony of principle that existed in all the orders of Masonry; and spoke with effect as to their suitability to man's moral, social, and intellectual capacity and condition. The toast was coupled with the name of M. E. C. Robert Bell, of St. Mungo Encampment; who in his reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see and to know that so many of those present had taken the Knight Templar degree. He hoped that those who had not yet been advanced to the high Order would see it their duty to make early application. The remaining toasts were "Visiting Companions," by Comp. Phillips; "Benevolent Institutions," by Comp. Duthie; "The Press" by Comp. Falkett; and "The Ladies," by Comp. Jno. Fraser. The proceedings were agreeably relieved by songs, &c., most prominent among which were an original piece of poetry, entitled "The A B C of Masonry," recited by the author, Comp. Wheeler, and an impromptu song given by Comp. Robert Fraser, in which worthy and highly appreciative reference were made to the more notable companions present. A vote of thanks was passed to the proprietors of St. Mark's Hall for their kindness in giving the use of it for the meeting gratuitously; and with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the pledging of the "last toast," Happy to meet, &c., the pleasant gathering broke up.

RUTHERGLEN.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 116).—The 106th anniversary of this lodge was held in Bro. Don's Hall, Main-street, Rutherglen, on the 19th ult., and was celebrated by a supper, torchlight procession and assembly. There was a large attendance of brethren and gentlemen, with their wives and sweethearts. Bro. Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M., occupied the chair; there was also present, Bailies Edgar and Kinning, Councillor Laing, and several other worthy brethren and gentlemen. Bro. McGaveney acted as Croupier. The supper was served by the host and hostess, which was most amply and tastefully supplied. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the Chairman said it gave him much pleasure to preside at this festival, supported by the municipal dignitaries of the Burgh of Rutherglen. He was glad to see that the brethren had availed themselves of the opportunity of bringing so many ladies to grace the annual festival. It was customary at such meetings as this for the Chairman to give an outline of the Order, and the benefits arising from it, with a history of the lodge, its progress and prospects. He did not intend to make a long speech, as he considered this unnecessary at a meeting of this description. They did not come, he expected, to hear long speeches, but to enjoy themselves otherwise. With reference to the lodge over which he had the honour to preside, although his presidency of the lodge had been comparatively short, only being elected to his present high position within the last few months, he had, however, been closely associated with the lodge for a period of ten years, during which time he had witnessed many changes, and many of his best known brethren had gone to their reward. Intimately connected with many of the brethren present as he was, he could speak with safety as to their Masonic knowledge, and zeal in everything tending to the good of the Order; and, in fact, without their assistance he could never fill the position he did at present hold, and he begged to thank them for their support and the high honour they had conferred upon him, and that nothing would be wanting on his part to further the interest of the lodge and the Order in general. He had already devoted a large amount of time to the cause of Freemasonry, and he would double his exertions and leave nothing unturned that he could do to further the cause of this noble Order. In our endeavours to work faithfully may we all be guided by a higher power, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, in His great love, teach us with the truths that the volume of the sacred law contains to make us good Freemasons, good citizens, and good members of the community. He would impress upon the younger members the necessity of attending the lodge meetings regularly, so that they might be well posted in Masonic matters. Bro. Councillor Lang then proposed the Army, Navy, and Volunteers, and in doing so said that our defences were never in such a prosperous condition as at the present time. The Army Reform would no doubt in the end work well, though in the meantime some little diffidence was felt in adopting those laws which had been made for their guidance. In our Navy we all recognize a power of which no country could boast of. What would we have been without it? May we long enjoy that safety and security, in the knowledge that we possess the first maritime fleet in the world. With regard to the Volunteers we all know they possess great strength and with the legislation and reform that was about to take place, and put them on another footing, they would be the backbone for the defence of our homes. Bailie Kinning then replied in a humorous and a few well chosen remarks. The following toasts were then given, that of the Royal Arch Lodge No. 116 from the chair coupled with the name of Bailie Edgar, the Council of the Burgh of Rutherglen by Bro. Wm. McGaveney, who referred to the spirit of the age now, to put good and intelligent men to represent them in council, and if their conduct did not meet with the approval of the electors they had only to choose others to fill their places. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Bailie Edgar, who referred to his services in the Burgh over thirty years as a criterion of his conduct as a magistrate. Their work was much more heavy now than in former years. He could remember when there was scarcely a case to be brought before the magistrates, but he regretted to say that now there were too many; this he attributed to the increasing

population, and the influx of new industries necessitating a corresponding increase in the people. They (the magistrates) dealt gently with first offences, except cases committed upon the sabbath, which were stringently punished. After the toast of the Ladies, which was proposed by Bro. Lang, and replied to by Bro. J. Hamilton, several songs were most pleasingly rendered by several of the brethren and ladies. After the concert the brethren formed a torchlight procession and with their banners, clothing, and jewels, led by the Rutherglen Brass Band, really looked very striking. After going through the principal streets they returned to the Hall and commenced the assembly, dancing being kept up with great spirit until morning, everyone being well pleased with the 106th anniversary of Lodge 116.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION AND CROWN (No. 103).—The monthly meeting of this prosperous and well-attended lodge was held in the hall, 170, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on Monday, the 26th ult. Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M., occupying the chair, supported by Bro. A. Bain, P.M.; Bro. J. Gilles, P.M.; R. Muir, D.M.; D. Murray, S.M.; W. Thomas, S.W.; R. Munro, J.W.; N. Cameron, Treas., &c., &c. Among the visitors we noticed, Bro. A. Thorburn, R.W.M. Lodge Glasgow, No. 4; M. E. Drummond, R.W.M. No. 5, Canongate and Leith, and a very large attendance of members and visitors. The R.W.M. opened the lodge, and the Secretary read the minutes of previous meetings, which were approved of. Mr. Robt. Fyfe, whose application for admission into Freemasonry had been well received, entered and received the E.A. degree, Bro. Wright, R.W.M., administering the ceremony in a most careful and impressive manner. After a little discussion of matters connected with the lodge, which was most amicably arranged, the lodge went from business to refreshment and harmony, and with toast and song spent the evening in a most pleasant manner.

POLLOKSHAWS.—ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 153).—The 92nd anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on the 19 inst. at the Maxwell Arms Inn, by a grand supper and ball, present Bros. John Peters, R.W.M., Chairman; Paton, S.W.; Black, J.W.; Rev. J. Rodgers Chaplain; Johnson, Sec.; Allen, Treas.; A. B. Thorburn, R.W.M. Glasgow, 4; J. Singleton, R.W.M. Scotia, 178; D. Lamb, D.M. 360; A. Mc. Gregor, R.W.M. 458; Scobie, R.W.M. 512; Wm. Jardine, Treas. 512; T. E. Schriden, Sec. 512; R. Mc. Ewan, J.W. 512; Julius Brodè, R.W.M. Marie Stuart, 541; T. Russell, D.M. 556; J. Rust, E.C.; and several others from the various lodges in the district. At 8 o'clock, the office-bearers entered the room, the band playing a march, all being seated and a blessing asked. Supper was done ample justice to, every description of good things being provided by the host, Bro. T. Galbraith. After supper, "Behold how good a thing it is," was sung by the company. The chairman being first on the programme, addressed the meeting as follows: "Ladies, Brethren, and Gentlemen, I find from the programme before me, that I am to give an address, but as the programme is somewhat lengthy, and so many of the fair sex present who will enjoy the latter part of the programme best, I will make my remarks as brief as possible. It gives me very great pleasure to occupy the position in which I am placed to-night, it being now ninety-two years since the charter was received from the Grand Lodge, authorizing this lodge to hold Masonic meetings, and since that time many hundreds have received, in this hall, the secrets of this, our ancient and most honourable Order, whose mysteries have, in all ages, been extolled by some as the true faith, by others as an offshoot of his Satanic Majesty; it has been praised by crowned heads, and banned by the priesthood, dreaded by others as a secret political engine, and admired by those in our fraternity for its complete indifference to all political matters. Freemasonry is still as complete a mystery to the uninitiated as it ever was. This brotherhood, which has outlived centuries of conflicts, of defeats and victories, and which has become so extended in its ramifications, must certainly contain, within itself, principles of paramount importance. I shall endeavour to point out some of these. When a candidate is once introduced into a Masonic Lodge, he is made to feel that, whatever distinctions there may be in the outer world, inside our doors all are equal and meet upon the common basis of brotherhood. (Cheers.) He is also required to declare his belief in the existence of a God, the centre of all good, the source of all knowledge, and the foundation of all light, and his first prayer is that he may be enabled to display the beauties of virtue to the praise and glory of that most holy name. His first lesson is one of charity and toleration, and our other lessons are such that no one who studies them can fail to become a truer and a better man. I do not claim for Masonry that it is a religion, but I say that Freemasonry is a pure, high-toned morality, to the practice of which every brother has voluntarily and solemnly pledged himself, and this cannot be set aside without condemnation and loss of character, both to the individual and to the Craft. Freemasonry in its teachings indicates the virtues which should rule and govern the actions of all its members, and these are based on such broad principles as enables gentlemen of all creeds, with the exception of atheists, to range under its banners. I feel that Freemasonry cannot maintain its ancient and honourable reputation, increase the number of its members, or promote the high and noble objects of its founders, unless its laws are strictly enforced and its principles exhibited in their practical appreciation. Freemasonry is practical as well as theoretical, and unless we look upon it as such and endeavour to carry out its requirements, we do ourselves and the institution an injustice. I am glad to find that in Scotland its practical application is likely soon to take a more tangible shape by our having an institution devoted solely to the taking care of aged and infirm Masons, their widows and orphans, although, during the year 1873, over £460 was disbursed by our Grand Lodge in Edinburgh, towards relieving our poor brethren; and this

independent of what the various lodges have done themselves, and they number nearly 600 under the Scottish Constitution alone, and many have blessed our fraternity for their aid. In England there exist several Masonic institutions, such as that proposed for Scotland, and over £20,000 is annually subscribed for to support them. In America they abound, as indeed they do throughout the globe, so that a Freemason may travel throughout the whole world, and at all times feel that he is not far from one who will aid and assist him in a manner known to our fraternity. There is another feature that I would just mention, and that is the feeling of friendship, that is at once established between brother Freemasons, and that feeling is constantly kept prominently before us in all our meetings. No matter where or how you may come in contact with them, the same feeling is found, as I can testify from my own experience, in Italy, Azores, Bermuda, and America. I would just mention, that in forty States in America, during 1873, no less a number than 36,434 gentlemen were admitted members of our fraternity, and during the same period there were no less than 528,190 subscribing members belonging to the various lodges. In Scotland, I find that during the same period, no less than 3,683 were admitted to our fraternity, which must be very gratifying to all of you, showing that Freemasonry is flourishing in our midst, even to a greater extent than in America, were it is making such rapid strides. In conclusion it gives me very great pleasure in representing this ancient lodge, and seeing so many brethren and gentlemen, with their wives and sweethearts, present, to meet with us at this, our ninety-second anniversary, and I hope that all of us will enjoy this evening's amusement, and that it may be marked as a most successful gathering. Several loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to, which were followed by a well attended assembly, the ladies being in most elegant form, and the dancing was kept up with great spirit until morning. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Galbraith for the very excellent spread he provided on his own premises.

GLASGOW.—LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360), held their bi-monthly meeting in their hall, 30, Hope Street, Glasgow, on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., presiding; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; T. Graham, S.D., acting as J.W.; A. Morton, I.P.M.; J. Brodie, S.M.; Bro. D. Lamb, D.M.: Visitors—Bro. A. Thorburn, R.W.M. Lodge Glasgow, No. 4; Bro. R. Munro, J.W. Lodge No. 4; Bro. Lindsay Gray, D.M. Lodge St. Mark, No. 102; and others. Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., opened the lodge, and the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. A. Morton, late Secretary, with a gold pencil case, as token of their regard, and the very high estimation they held of Bro. Morton, both in and out of the lodge room, for he had always done his duty in a most courteous and faithful manner, and he hoped he would be long spared to be amongst them. Bro. Morton, in a few well chosen remarks, acknowledged the high compliments that had been paid to him, and said that any services he could at any time render to the lodge, it would give him great pleasure to do so. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft, when Bro. A. Martin and Bro. W. Harrison retired. The lodge being raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bros. Martin and Harrison re-entered, and received that degree, Bro. J. Brodie, S.M., and Bro. D. Lamb officiating. The lodge was then closed in due form.

THORNIEBANK.—THORNTREE LODGE (No. 512).—This lodge met in the School Room, Thornliebank, on Saturday, the 20th ult., present Bro. R. Scobie, R.W.M.; Bro. R. Fletcher, S.W.; Bro. R. M'Ewan, J.W.; Bro. W. Jardine, Treas.; Bro. T. E. Schuden, Sec., and several others. The lodge being opened by the R.W.M., the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. Applications were read from the following gentlemen for admission into the Order, viz. John Ferguson; P. Gallagher; James Jardine; R. S. Slatt; A. Nicholson; and W. Buckley; there being no objection, the candidates received the E.A. degree, Bro. R. Scobie officiating in a very efficient manner. After several loyal and Masonic toasts had been given by the R.W.M., Bro. M'Ewan, J.W., proposed "The New Laid Stones," and said it augured well for the prosperity of the lodge when they found such worthy gentlemen as the present coming forward to join them. Bro. A. Nicholson said as a young Mason he thanked them for the honour they had conferred on him and his companions; he had thought a good deal about Masonry, and for many years had been opposed to it, but at last made up his mind to join it, and having done so he could only now express his regret that he had not done so before, for he really could now see some of the advantages of Freemasonry, and he would only be too happy to do all that might lie in his power to forward the interest of the Craft in general and the Thorniebank Lodge in particular. Bro. Buckley also replied. The R.W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. G. W. Wheeler, Lodge 73, Glasgow, the compliment being suitably acknowledged. After several songs, etc., from Bros. Gallagher, Clark, Hutton, and others, Bro. Wheeler proposed "Prosperity to the Thorniebank Lodge" coupled with the name of Bro. Scobie, R.W.M.; Bro. Scobie replied, and said while they continued to get good members, their prosperity was certain, and he should make it his study to bring about that result. The lodge was then closed in due form.

COATBRIDGE.—ST. ANDREW (No. 544).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, Bank-street, on the 20th ult., Bro. A. Kennedy, R.W.M., presiding. Bro. Jas. Kennedy, S.W.; Bro. Mailer, acting J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., and the three candidates who were proposed and balloted for at the previous meeting received the E.A. degree, Bro. D. Reid, R.W.M. No. 465, officiating in a very impressive manner, Bro. Kennedy, R.W.M., giving a short lecture on

the same degree. Bro Bassett was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Kennedy, R.W.M. officiating. After other business connected with the lodge had been gone through, the lodge was closed in due form.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W. GRAND MASTER.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by her Royal Highness the Princess, by the Princess Mary and the Duke of Teck, and by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a numerous assemblage, took the principal part in the ceremony of celebrating the installation of Merchant Taylors' School in the Charterhouse. Although Charterhouse School is removed to Godalming, the poor brethren remain in their old building to continue the long tradition of monkish life upon that spot. Parts of the old school have also been preserved—the gown-boys' buildings and the master's house—and form part of the edifice, the first stone of which was laid by the Duke of Edinburgh two years ago. There are now in the completed building, 19 class-rooms, two large school-rooms, a library, a lecture-theatre, and a magnificent assembly-room, in which the school will meet for prayers when the boys first arrive in the morning, and on grand days for speeches. It will easily hold the 400 or 500 boys whom the school now contains; and they are to assemble there on Saturday and Tuesday next. There are the old cloisters, some new cloisters, five courts, and a playground of considerable size for a city school. From the old Merchant Taylors' School some books have been brought up, together with the monitors' table and prompters' bench, on which from year to year the eight monitors and the eight boys who prompt them in their speeches have cut their names. There are also the masters' chairs of black oak. These relics take the place of the Charterhouse stones, similarly inscribed, which have gone to Godalming. Kitchens and dining-rooms in which the boys will be supplied at an extremely low tariff occupy a portion of the quadrangle. The principal building is a handsome red brick structure, designed by Mr. E. P'Anson, built by Messrs. Brown and Robinson, and ventilated throughout by Phipson's apparatus, which pours hot air in winter, cold air in summer into the class-room.

At half-past 8 yesterday morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, and at 11 service in the chapel of the pensioners of the Charterhouse. Here the Rev. Dr. Baker, the head master, read the service, and the Rev. Mr. Whittington, lecturer of St. Peter's, Cornhill, and the Rev. Mr. Airey, read the lessons. The Bishop of Ely (Dr. Woodford) preached a sermon from Ecclesiastes, "He that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." He acknowledged the truth of the maxim spoken by the wisest of the children of the East, and followed it through the various branches of study—of science which only reveals remoter difficulties; of history, which shows man building up and finding that he laid his foundation on the sand; of the knowledge of humanity, which teaches the grown man to substitute wariness for the open trust of boys, and which, by revealing to Him who was above all a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, the real thoughts of even the high spirits by whom He was surrounded, contributed probably a great part to His weight of sadness. But, he said, that nobility was revealed through suffering, and that it is not when the ship sits brightly upon a summer sea we recognize the skill of the constructor, but when she holds her own before the storm. Those who dwell upon this ground before the Reformation passed centuries of uneventful repose, but there came a time when, while serving God to the best of their knowledge, they had to choose between death and the denial of the faith which their hearts believed. A modern historian, who is without sympathy for the form of faith which these poor Carthusians professed, has described with admiration how they prepared for their end, not less deserving the memory of mankind than those 300 who combed their locks as they sat in the straight place of Thermopylae. So closes the last ante-Reformation scene in the history of the Charterhouse, with the sight of those hardened into greatness by persecution and the approach of death. Speaking next to the boys as their old school-fellow, he told them their lot was cast in days of much intellectual warfare, when old forms of thought were being sifted to the uttermost, and the very knowledge which they gained there might involve them in the struggle. By keeping their faith unshaken and their judgment clear they might attain in these quieter times a like nobility to those old Carthusians; and by following out the spirit in which their school was founded, "to the honour of Christ Jesus," they might become worthy servants of Him in Church and State.

Punctually at half-past one the Royal party arrived and proceeded to the lecture-theatre. They were received by the Master of the Company, Mr. J. Coysgarne Sim; the Head Master of the school, Dr. Baker; and the wardens. The 49th Middlesex (Post Office) Rifle Volunteers, under Lieutenant-Colonel Du Plat Taylor, formed the guard of honour. Lord and Lady Suffield, Sir W. Knollys, and Colonel Ellis, Lady Caroline Cust and Captain St. John Mildmay were in attendance on their Royal Highnesses, who were received with enthusiastic applause, the Coldstream band, under Mr. F. Godfrey, playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The Prince was in ordinary morning dress, and the Princess wore a light polonaise, a dark hat, with light blue feather.

In the lecture-theatre, the Master (Mr. Sim), after a few words of gratitude for the fresh mark of the Royal favour to that institution which the Prince of Wales had given, called upon the clerk of the Company, Mr. F. Grantham Faithful, to read a statement in reference to the history and hopes of the school.

Mr. Grantham Faithful then read the following address, which was handed, on emblazoned vellum, to his Royal Highness:—

"May it please your Royal Highnesses, my Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—

"The London school of the Merchant Taylors' Company, known as Merchant Taylors' School, was founded more than three centuries ago—i.e., in the year 1561, with a view (as the statutes record) to the better education and bringing up of children in good manners and literature. It was established by the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Merchant Taylors' Company, at the suggestion of Sir Thomas White, the munificent founder of St John's College, Oxford, Mr. Richard Hilles, and other prominent members of the guild, and was built in Lawrence Pountney-hill, partly by contributions from their private purses, partly out of the corporate funds of the Company. The school was designed for 250 boys. The building in which you are now assembled will hold twice that number. The old school on Lawrence Pountney-hill contained nothing within its precincts that could be dignified by the name of a playground, and this has always been considered by the Court of the Merchant Taylors' Company a very great drawback. Here not only will the school buildings be large, airy, well-warmed, and well-ventilated, but there will be a good playground for the boys. Since the first stone of these buildings was laid in June, 1873, by his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, the school has been entirely re-organized, and whereas hitherto the education has been for the most part classical, a modern department has now been established, so that such boys as may desire to be instructed in modern languages, English literature, and natural science, will have an opportunity of studying those subjects under a competent staff of masters.

"The school has been much sought after in the past, partly in consequence of the excellence of the educational curriculum, which is fully up to the standard of our best public schools; partly on account of the valuable Scholarships and Exhibitions which it has in connection with the Universities, and especially with St. John's College, Oxford. Among the many distinguished men of bygone times who have received their education in it may be enumerated five translators of the Bible (among whom was Bishop Andrews), the pious and loyal Archbishop Juxon, Dr. Wren, Bishop of Ely; Dr. Mews, Bishop of Winchester; Lord Clive, the founder of our Indian Empire; and last, not least, Edmund Spenser, the poet, author of the "Faerie Queene," the fact of whose education at the school has only become known during the last year by the research of the Historical Manuscripts Commission among some papers in possession of the Townley family. Coming to the present time, it will, perhaps, be only necessary to mention, with the view of showing that the education given at Merchant Taylors' has not deteriorated, that of our present English Episcopate, the Bishop of Ely and the Suffragan Bishop of Nottingham were alumni of the school, and that of our Colonial Episcopate, the Bishop of Capetown and the Bishop designate of Ballarat received their education within its walls.

"Sorry, Sir, as we are to bid farewell to a building so full of interesting associations as the old school at Lawrence Pountney-hill, we may yet fairly predict for the new school, to be opened under your Royal Highness's auspices, a future, with God's blessing, no less distinguished than has been its past, and we contemplate with satisfaction the probability of a still larger measure of success attending the efforts of the Merchant Taylors' Company to further the cause of mental culture through the widening of the range of subjects to be taught here, and the twofold increase in the number of those for whom additional educational advantages will be provided.

On the conclusion of the reading the Prince of Wales said, addressing the Master, the Merchant Taylors, their Royal and Serene Highnesses, My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—I beg to return you my warmest thanks for the address you have presented to me, and for the excellent and admirable report it contains on the state of this ancient school. It only remains for me to assure you of the great interest which the Princess and myself take in the proceedings of to-day. I beg now to declare the Merchant Taylor's School open. (Loud cheers.)

An ode in Latin Alcaics was then declaimed with effect by Shearman, the head monitor of the school, "in order," said the Master of the Company, "that the first words spoken in the school, after your Royal Highness declared it open, should be from the monitor." Addressing the Prince of Wales as

" . . . Amantis spes patriæ et decus,
"Quem semper artes ingenuas sequi
"Insuevit exemplum parentum,"

the ode went on—

"Tuque—O quibus te laudibus efferam?
"Incede! Præsens Gratia habebere:
"Incede, Alexandra, festi
"Pars meritò melior dici!

"Mutantur ædes, non animus: manet
"Immota prisca religio Domus:
"Æternus o Rector secundus
"Continuet sine fine cursus!"

When the lines in which the Princess was addressed as "rightly the better half of the festival" were reached, the ode was interrupted by applause, which was also very loud at the end. The Master of the Company then handed to the Princess a gold medal, the obverse of which bore the likeness of their Highnesses, and the reverse the arms of the Company supported by its dromedaries. It bore the inscription—"Merc. Sciss. Schola re-aedificata, et ausp. Alberto Eduardo Galliarum Princ. et Alexandr. conj. ejus instaur." and the date April 6, 1875. A similar medal in silver was handed to the Prince of Wales, and by him presented to the head monitor.

The Archbishop of Canterbury then offered up the following prayer:—

"Almighty and everlasting God, by whose sway the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his ministry may truly and godlyly serve Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Almighty God, Who, through Thy own begotten Son Jesus Christ encountered death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee that as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into us good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen."

The Lord's Prayer and the Benediction followed, and the Royal party left the lecture theatre. Luncheon was served in the assembly hall, and also in two other rooms and a marquee, to the Livery and the friends of pupils. The string band of the Royal Engineers, under Mr. Sauwerthal, played in the assembly hall. Grace having been said by the Archbishop of Canterbury,

The Master of the Company called upon those present to drink with the Guild of Merchant Taylors their time-honoured pledge of faith and loyalty "to Church and Queen."

The band played the National Anthem, and Mr. Sim next said it would not become him at that time and in that presence, to use words of praise in asking for a second expression of their loyalty to the Royal Family. Edward I., he continued, sire of Edward of Carnarvon, the first Prince of Wales, granted the Merchant Taylors the privileges of trading. Another Edward, his successor, had come among them that day, after 500 years of prosperity to the industry of that guild by devotion to their motto, "Concordia parvæ res crescunt." When Edward the Black Prince, the next Prince of Wales, came from France with the trophies of Poitiers and Cressy, he bore the plumes of Bohemia, with the legend, "Ich dien." Then came another Edward, their Royal guest that day, who hurried from the plains of France to fulfil the duties of a citizen and be faithful to the motto "I serve." He might be pardoned if he referred to the Prince who was among them too short a time, but long enough to leave his mark in the history of this country. He was a citizen of London and a Merchant Taylor, and now they humbly sought to acknowledge the visit of his son, a citizen and an honorary member of their company who worthily represented the Saxon Albert, the English Edward. In the year 1607 Ben Jonson wrote and Dr. John Bull composed the music of "God Save the Queen." It was first sung for the Merchant Taylors when King James I., and the Prince of Wales dined in their hall. The Queen of that monarch was Anne of Denmark. History repeats itself, "for you, Sire," continued the Master, "have entwined the flower of Denmark in the wreath of England." (Loud applause.) Long might it flourish, he said, in the affections of the English people, and he called upon them to drink "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Mary, the Duke of Cambridge, the Crown Prince of Prussia, his Serene Highness the Duke of Teck, and the other illustrious members of the Royal family."

Amid loud cheers the Royal party rose and bowed. It had been raining during part of the day, but the sun was now shining through the great window, decorated with flowers, over the high table, and the Prince of Wales said,—"For the excessively kind and flattering manner in which this toast has been proposed from the chair, and received by you all, I beg to return my warmest and most sincere thanks. I need hardly assure the Master and all those assembled here to-day what pleasure it has given to the Princess and myself to be present on this occasion. The numerous guilds of the City of London are well known for their hospitality, and especially distinguished is the Merchant Taylors' Company. At the same time, although they kindly and cordially receive their guests, they do all they can to make themselves useful in this great city. I will not recapitulate what we have heard in another room, and also from the lips of the Master, of the prosperity of this school. I hope it will continue to flourish; and that the sun which is now shining will bring prosperity to a school which has so long flourished and which is now moved to other buildings. I must say we cannot but congratulate the Master and the Guild on the beautiful building in which we are assembled at the present moment. In conclusion let me propose a toast I am sure you will all drink with enthusiasm—"Success to the Merchant Taylors' School." It affords me great pleasure to couple with it the name of the head Master, the Rev. Dr. Baker. (Continued applause.)

The Rev. Dr. Baker, in responding to the toast which had been proposed in such gracious and he ventured to say, in such felicitous terms by his Royal Highness, said that his Highness had inaugurated a new era in the history of their school. They now enjoyed advantages such as they had never enjoyed before, while they retained the ennobling recollections of their past history. The present was the latest stage of that continued munificence and zeal for education which from the first had inspired the founders and supporters of this school, by which at the present time the children of parents residing in and about the metropolis could have an education which combined the home influences and parental authority with the generous spirit and healthy emulation of a public school. For himself he reaped rather than sowed from the work of his predecessor, but he knew that nothing could be witnessed with greater satisfaction by Dr. Hessey (cheers) than the proceedings of that day. He thanked his Royal Highness, on behalf of himself, the masters, and scholars of the Merchant Taylors' School.

The Master then proposed, "The Honorary Members of the Company," associating the toast with one who so fully performed his duties of a citizen, his duties to the Queen, to the younger Princes of the blood Royal, and to the people, as the Duke of Cambridge.

The Duke of Cambridge, in lying, said,—I feel ex-

remely favoured that my name should have been coupled in such extremely complimentary terms by the master with the toast of the honorary members of this ancient union, and I have often had the honour of expressing my gratification at being a member of so ancient, useful, and important a body. If ever there was an occasion when the honorary members wished to support the chair, certainly it would be on this occasion, on which the guild show, not only, as his Royal Highness has said, that they receive their guests with the princely hospitality for which they are known to the world, but their usefulness and their value in developing such institutions as this. This school, which they have fostered for so many generations, has now entered on a new course of usefulness in these magnificent and these great and handsome buildings, and under no circumstances could such an inauguration have been made more acceptable to the society, more valuable in every public point of view, than by being graced with the presence of their Royal Highnesses. His Royal Highness had determined specially to be present on this occasion. When I heard the other day it was expected he would not be back I took the liberty of dissenting, for I was aware that he was so impressed with the importance of his public duties that nothing would have dissuaded him. (Cheers.) I feel sure that under such auspices this great institution will continue to flourish as it has hitherto done, and if it does not, that it will not be for the want of that support in the highest quarter which has so long been afforded to enable this country to maintain that bright and dignified position which it has attained, and which we should always desire it to retain. (Applause.)

The Archbishop of Canterbury proposed the health of "The Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company," and the Prince of Wales led the cheers with which the toast was received.

The Master, in responding, took the toast as one which referred to the whole of the company, and proposed in turn "The Visitors," many of whom were distinguished old scholars of the school. He called upon the Bishop of Ely to respond. The toast having been acknowledged with the expression of a hope that if centuries hence the school required further enlargement the same princely company would be found to enlarge its borders and one of our Royal House would still be found at whose regal touch the building they had constructed might quicken into active life,

The Prince of Wales said,—Ladies and gentlemen, before we separate I am anxious to make one request to the Master, which I feel sure that on the present occasion he will not be so unkind as to refuse, and that is, on the part of the Princess and myself, to beg that an extra week's holiday shall be given to the boy's school.

There were no signs of backwardness, to obey this command, and the assembly broke up. The Royal party walked round the playground, and then drove off amid the cheers of the boys and through other crowds in the neighbouring streets.

In commemoration of this event a medal has been struck by order of the Merchant Taylors' Company, containing, on the obverse, finely executed profiles of their Royal Highnesses, and on the reverse, the arms of the Merchant Taylors' Company, a description of which is herewith appended. The first patent of the arms was granted by Sir Thomas Holme, Knight, Clarencieux King of Arms, in 1480 (21st year of the reign of Edward IV.). The same Arms and Crest were confirmed by Thomas Wriothesley, Knight, in the 22nd year of the reign of Henry VIII. They were then somewhat altered, with a new crest and supporters, granted by Robert Cook, Clarencieux, in 1586 (the 29th year of Elizabeth's reign), the Armorial Ensigns are: Argent, a Tent Royal, between two Parliament Robes, Gules, lined ermine on a Chief azure; a Lion of England; crest a Holy Lamb in Glory proper, supporters two camels, or; motto "Concordia Parvæ Res Crescunt."

The medals are of gold, silver, and bronze, by George Kenning, Medallist, of Little Britain.

Obituary.

BRO. W. A. MUSGRAVE, P. M. 304.

On Easter Monday an accident, resulting fatally, occurred to Brother W. A. Musgrave, P.M., Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, 304, which cast a gloom over the brethren of that lodge, and over the brethren of other lodges in Leeds. Bro. Musgrave, who was an innkeeper of high repute amongst that class of tradesmen and the public generally, had been to witness the steeplechases at the neighbouring town of Wetherby, on Easter Monday, and had returned to within a ten minute's ride of his own house when a waggonette came into collision broadside with his horse. To save himself Bro. Musgrave raised one foot out of the stirrup, but his horse bolted, he fell, and, with one foot fast in the other stirrup, was dragged some distance along the kerbstone of the pavement, sustaining such a severe fracture of the skull that he died at eleven o'clock the same evening—four hours after the accident,—never regaining consciousness. At the regular lodge meeting of the deceased on Wednesday 29th ult., much regret at his loss, and deep sympathy with his bereaved widow was expressed by all the brethren. In speaking to a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Musgrave, Bro. Mason, P. M., eulogised the many excellent traits in Bro. Musgrave's character. He was a brother whose geniality of disposition, evenness of temper, willingness to perform any duty, affability with all men, had endeared him to every brother in the lodge. Nor were these virtues restricted to his brethren in Freemasonry. As a publican he bore an irreproachable character. His kind and frank manner as a man of business was the admiration of all who had dealings with him. About 80 brethren assembled on Friday to follow his remains to

their last resting place, including the W.M., officers, and about 30 brethren of Bro. Musgrave's own lodge; the remaining brethren representing the whole of the other six Leeds lodges. The funeral was also attended by many publicans, and representatives of the local yeomanry Cavalry, in which body deceased held the rank of sergeant.

Masonic Tidings.

Our worthy Brother Alderman Mark Pearson, Mayor of Pontefract, was presented on Thursday, April 1st, 1875, with a silver tea service, bearing the following inscription. "Presented to Mark Pearson, Esq., J.P., Mayor and Alderman of Pontefract, by the inhabitants generally and a few other friends, as an expression of their high appreciation of his great moral worth, and more particularly of the unwearied assiduity and distinguished ability with which he has discharged the important duties of the Mayoralty of his native town from his first election to that office on the 9th November, 1873, to the present date, Pontefract Town Hall, 1st April, 1875."

The foundation stone of the new church of St. Paul's, Heaton Moor, near Stockport, was laid on Saturday by Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P. The church will seat 400, and will cost £5,500. The stone was laid by Bro. Callender, with full Masonic honours. Mr. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., and Mr. Hugh Birley, M.P., were also present. A luncheon was held in the school-room in the evening.

The annual festival of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction will be held at the White Swan Tavern, High Street, Deptford, on Monday, the 19th April. Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will preside. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. banquet at 7.30.

The William Preston Lodge and the Lion and Lamb Lodge have united to give a grand banquet on Wednesday, April 28th, at the City Terminus Hotel, in honour of the Installation of H.R.H., The Prince of Wales.

Bro. Thos. Henry Wiles has entered into partnership with Messrs Keeling, Beville & Co.

We understand that the applications have been so very numerous for admission to the Dublin Masonic Ball, to be held in honour of the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, that only one Master Mason from each lodge can be admitted.

The Graphic of Saturday last, the 3rd inst., contains a page illustration of the banquet at the Great City Lodge, on the occasion of the State Visit of the Lord Mayor.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445) held at the Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday evening, April 12th, at 7 o'clock. Bro. T. Howe, P.M., will preside.

Mrs. Tweddell, the wife of Bro. G. M. Tweddell, has published a very interesting and clever little work, called "Rhymes and Sketches in the Cleveland Dialect," which we commend to the notice of all our brethren. The trifling price, 1s. 6d., places it within the reach of all. We recommend an early application to our publisher, Bro. Geo. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, or to Tweddell and Co., Publishers, Stokesley, Yorkshire. We give a review of it in another column.

Bro. Dr. Canney, of Durham, died suddenly on Thursday, the 1st inst. He retired in his usual health at twelve o'clock, and his wife found him dead in bed at five a.m. Deceased enjoyed an extensive practice as a physician in the North, and had been medical adviser to three Bishops of Durham, besides the aristocracy of the district. He was Past Master of the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121, and Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden of the Province of Durham.

Prince Leopold, Her Majesty's youngest son, on Wednesday last, completed his 22nd year, having been born on the 27th April, 1853. The event was celebrated at Windsor with the customary honours. The bells of St. George's Chapel and the parish church rung out merry peals, and salutes were fired from the Long Walk, the Royal Adelaide frigate, and Fort Belvedere, Virginia Water.

The annual meeting of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum was held on the 31st ult. Bro W. Worrell, the Secretary, presented the report. The income of the past year amounted to £6352 2s. 8d. the number of children admitted last year was 38, the cost of food, clothing, lodging, education, and training the children in this institution being £18 16s. 9d. per head. By the kindness of the Duke of Edinburgh, who is president of the institution, the next concert of the Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society, to be given on 24th inst, will be on behalf of the institution.

Bro. Sidney Spencer has been re-elected president of the Hotel Keeper's Association for the ensuing year.

Bros. Dr. Hogg, Josland and George Kenning have been chosen Overseers for St. Botolph Aldersgate for the ensuing year.

THE LIVER, THE STOMACH, AND THEIR AILMENTS.—Alteration of temperature, muggy weather, a troubled mind, sedentary habits excesses at the table, and a gay, reckless mode of life, exert the most deleterious influence over the liver and stomach. When once these organs are fairly out of order, great inroads are quickly made on the general state of the health, the constitution, which loses the aid of two of its noblest organs, soon gives way, and diseases quickly follow, from which, if neglected, the worst consequences will inevitably result. If a course of Holloway's celebrated Pills be preserved in, all will be well again, as they are the finest and noblest correctives of the blood ever known, and effect certain cures of all disorders of the liver and stomach.—Adv.

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The following communications stand over:—

Letter from R. H.; Reports of Eccleshill Lodge, 1034; Bradford; Lodge Star, 219, Glasgow.
"SENIOR WARDEN" must see that his letter is inadmissible in our columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATH.

BANKS.—On the 1st instant, deeply lamented, at the residence of his father, Overcliffe, Gravesend, in his 20th year, Percy, youngest son of Bro. Benjamin Banks, senr., (of the Polish National Lodge, and formerly co-lessee and manager of the Freemasons' Tavern.) He was educated in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and received the Canonbury Gold Medal on quitting the school.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1875.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

Thus far the arrangements for the Installation seem to be perfectly clear and satisfactory. The statement in the *Times* of Thursday, and quoted in our columns last week, about the counter-signature of the certificates by the Lodge Secretaries being requisite, has been at once repudiated and rectified on proper authority. Indeed, it was in itself so evidently incorrect, as hardly to merit correction, and must have proceeded from a non-Mason, as no Freemason could have made such a blunder. So great has been the demand for tickets of admission from those who are "de jure" entitled to be accommodated, that only one Master Mason's ticket can be allotted to each of the lodges. This will be evident when we say, that the application for seats are, in round numbers, 6000 qualified members of Grand Lodge, and 10,000 Master Masons. We understand that the one ticket allotted to each lodge for Master Masons may probably be offered to the oldest subscribing member of each lodge, a very Masonic arrangement. We also understand that it will be endeavoured to seat the London Lodges and the Provincial Brethren in groups, a very

convenient and comfortable proceeding for our "country," brethren and "cousins." The limitation of Master Masons' tickets will, no doubt, be a very great disappointment to countless loyal and worthy brethren, but they must remember that as all present and past Grand Officers, all W. Masters and Past Masters, and all acting Wardens have a right to be first considered, the present posture of affairs is utterly unavoidable. We are sure of this, that if success will depend on the zealous labours of the directing officers, we need anticipate nothing but a most satisfactory result. The most earnest and painstaking efforts have been made, and still are making, day by day, to give contentment as far as possible to all applicants, and to render every arrangement as simple, as sensible, and as practicable as well may be.

We are authorised to say that the arrangements are proceeding as rapidly as the immense amount of work will permit. The work has been much increased by inattention to the directions in the forms of return. A great many lists, especially from the provinces, have to be returned for correction, whilst others, in many cases, have required the shifting of the names from one division of the list to the other. All additions to the list of qualified members received up to Monday night have been attended to. Those which may be received after that day must be put aside until after the tickets are all prepared, according to the lists as they stand. The ballot for places began on Monday in the presence of the President and Vice-President of the Board of G.P., the Grand Secretary, and others, and was completed yesterday. The ballot was so contrived, that all the members of each province may be together, and must enter at the same door. There will be twelve entrances, distinguished by numbers and colours—of these, three on the West side have been drawn by the London lodges, and the corresponding entrances on the East side, leading to similar places on that side of the hall, together with four other entrances, have fallen to the provinces. The remaining two, leading to the Picture Gallery will be used for the admission of the M.M.'s who may be fortunate enough to receive tickets. The tickets, bearing the colour of the different entrances, are all printed; the writing in of so large a number of names will be a work of some days, but they may be expected to be forwarded to the lodges next week. The Grand Officers' tickets of admission will be posted this week.

Our contemporary the *Standard* has the following note on the subject:—

All the returns from the various lodges in England having now been received they have been examined, and the names therein counted. It appears from these returns that the members of the Masonic fraternity who desire to be present in the Royal Albert Hall on the 28th inst. approach in number 20,000. As the hall will not accommodate with seats anything like half that number, the privilege of admission, which it was desired and resolved to extend to those who, being only Master Masons, are not members of Grand Lodge, has been of necessity so restricted as to give but one such admission to each of the 1000 lodges in England. No doubt much disappointment will be felt and expressed at this result; indeed, it has already begun to manifest itself, and the correspondence on the subject which daily pours in at the Grand Secretary's office is overwhelming. Those who have charge of the arrangements are anxious that it should be as widely known as possible that no alteration in the above restriction is at all admissible, and that in case of delay in replying to letters on the subject of the installation, should any occur, it must not be imputed to want of courtesy, or an absence of desire to consult the wishes and convenience of all, so far as is practicable, but to the extraordinary pressure, now daily increasing.

OUR CANADIAN BRETHREN.

Our able contemporary, the *Craftsman*, has taken us, in a very friendly and fraternal manner, a little to task because we have latterly said a good deal about the American Freemasonry and Freemasons, and nothing about our good brethren in Canada. On reflection we think that our contem-

porary will admit, that his complaint, if it be a complaint, has no valid foundation, either in reality or in equity. We were writing simply "ad hoc." The remark had been made, as remarks are often made by the ill-informed, about American Freemasonry and Freemasons, which we thought equally unwise and unjustifiable, betraying, moreover, an entire ignorance of the "status" of Freemasonry in the United States. In our duty to the Order, therefore, as critical censors of what is going on in our little Masonic world, we thought it well to enter our "caveat" against such ill-digested and hasty utterances, by whomsoever made. But when we said what we ventured to say in praise of the American Freemasons, praise which we make bold to add is their just due, we did not forget, much less did we undervalue, the Canadian Freemasons. On the contrary, we shall always be ready to admit, and haster to acknowledge the worth, the zeal, and the true Masonic spirit of the numerous brotherhood in the Canadian Confederation. We belong to an old-fashioned school both of citizens and thinkers, and we are among the last to undervalue either the admirable qualities or the patriotic loyalty of our Canadian fellow-countrymen. We hope, therefore, that our contemporary will dismiss at once any such mistaken notion, and will believe our assurances and accept our fraternal good wishes. We shall always be happy to insert any account of Canadian Freemasonry, whether statistical or charitable, and we shall ever watch, with the utmost feelings of fraternal attachment and goodwill, the onward progress of our excellent Order amongst the intelligent population of Canada.

OUR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER BRETHREN.

We congratulate the central authorities on the just compliment paid to our non-commissioned officer brethren, under the direct sanction of H.R.H. the Grand Master. It is very satisfactory to observe and to realise, that the highest authority we have, recognizes alike the justice of their claims, and confirms the truth of what we have always said on the subject. It was quite clear to us, in the old Plymouth controversy, which we do not however, wish to revive, that some remarkable Masonic red-tape had been largely indulged in on that occasion by some one or other. There was not a shadow of justification for the exclusion of the non-commissioned officer brethren then, and we are glad to see that such an un-Masonic regulation is not to be perpetuated now. It will be a great satisfaction to our many worthy non-commissioned officer brethren to read and to hear, that the supreme Masonic authority fully concedes their claims, and openly recognizes their Masonic membership. We think that this wise and befitting regulation is another proof, if any proof be needed, how anxiously those who have the preparatory arrangements to make, are labouring to give satisfaction to all, and to render this great gathering a thoroughly successful and ever to be remembered Masonic anniversary.

MR. CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

The more we think of "l'affaire Bradlaugh," to use a French idiom, the more we feel how very bad a case it is. Here we are, a great Order, priding ourselves on our strictness, our regularity, and our carefully-tyled lodges, the due observance of the "Book of Constitutions," &c. &c., and yet, we find, all of a sudden, that all these things are "words, Sir, only words." As a rule, no one can be admitted a joining member of a lodge who does not bring his Grand Lodge Certificate with him, and is able to refer the authorities of the lodge he seeks to be affiliated with, to the authorities of the lodge from which he has demitted, or of which he is still a subscribing member. Now, we would venture to ask the brethren of the High Cross Lodge, for a grave responsibility rests upon them, as towards the Craft at large, what certificate did Mr. Bradlaugh bring with him when he was admitted a joining member of that lodge under our English Constitution? On what

grounds did the High Cross Lodge obtain for Mr. Bradlaugh a certificate from the Grand Secretary's Office? For if we understand Mr. Bradlaugh's account correctly, he never was a member of a lawful lodge at all! His original initiation is clearly irregular, bad, and invalid, having taken place in a spurious order, and an unrecognised secret society. If "La Perseverante Amitié" be even under the Rite Ecossaise, in which French Lodge Mr. Bradlaugh tells us that he was "received," it does not, we apprehend, do away with his ineligibility to be received into an English lodge, except entirely "de novo," according to the "Book of Constitutions." But if "La Perseverante Amitié" be not a regular French Lodge, the case is rendered doubly irregular, and is, under all aspects, most deplorable. We however await some little explanation from the members of the High Cross Lodge, before saying anything further, though we have thought it best, for the honour of our loyal Order, to call attention at once to the known facts of the case.

THE SPRING OF THE YEAR.

The month is opening with "balmy breath" and genial sunshine, and "March winds and April showers" are at "a discount" in the "weather market." Our English Spring, when pleasant, is ever most reviving, and the country seems putting on that "robe of verdure," which always is such a relief to us poor Londoners, whose eyesight is sorely tried with the glare and deadness of our metropolitan streets and smoke-stained walls. But the "Clerk of the Weather," like a good many other high potentates, is often a little capricious, not to say, slightly variable in his "programme" of performances. To-day we are sweltering under a warm sun, and sighing for cooling drinks of wondrous names and composition; to-morrow the chill of the east winds is searching us through and through, making our old bones ache, bringing out gouty rheumatic pains everywhere, or we sit stewing at home, in all the "demons bleus" of a good genuine English indigenous "Catarrh." Still we will hope for the best, and just as now everywhere in this old fair land of ours, "inque novos audent se gramina campis," so we will fondly allow "spes credula" to whisper to us of sunny weather and a pleasant year. The great metropolis seems to be preparing to hail a prosperous season, and we wish equally well to festive youth, and to expectant shopkeepers. One great event in our Masonic world will long make the season of 1875 famous in the annals of the Craft. We allude to the installation of our Royal Grand Master, which an universally loyal Order is regarding to-day with every sentiment of joyous anticipation, nay, of heartfelt congratulation! For, in addition to the many popular qualities of the heir to the throne, his high rank, and our loyal sentiments of unchanged Masonic devotion, we all feel that we have arrived at a "crisis," so to say, in the history of Freemasonry in general, and of English Freemasonry in particular. Never, at any time, in our history, have the attacks on our peaceful and innocuous Order been so many and so unwarrantable. We are denounced by conflicting creeds, and in distant countries, by an "odium theologicum," utterly unaccountable and unreasonable. That all of a sudden the Church of Rome should revive her persecuting animosities against our tolerant brotherhood, that she should furbish anew her rusty weapons of interdict and anathema, may be a question of surprise perhaps, but is not entirely inexplicable. But that so-called Protestant bodies should meet on a common ground, rather an uncommon ground, of hopeless intolerance, is indeed a matter for astonishment and regret. And hence a question may fairly arise how are we to meet this new "Armada"? Two views may fairly be held on the subject, as two views undoubtedly exist amongst thoughtful and zealous Freemasons. There are those who wish and seek to meet all such attacks, especially the Roman Catholic attack, as the French say "coup pour coup." They would answer incrimination by incrimination, and expletive by expletive. There are those however, and we profess to be numbered amongst them, who

prefer to meet all such assaults, and all such assailants, be they what and who they may, with the calmness of dignified indifference. That we should state our views calmly and temperately, that we should from time to time, "more majorum," vindicate with the language of "truth and soberness" our benevolent and time-honoured fraternity, is alike to be expected and to be commended. Abroad, as a general rule, the attacks mostly proceed from one irreconcilable adversary, the Romish Church; at home, and in America we have a most heterogeneous alliance of Ritualists, Baptists and Presbyterians to contend with as well. Hence our line of defence cannot be always the same, and what may suit Germany or Italy may not suit us. In England the Roman Catholic authorities have not yet ventured, we believe, except in one obscure journal, to impute to us a shadow of political purpose, but they accuse us of being a secret society, irreligious, and opposed to the Roman Catholic Church, because condemned by successive Popes. Abroad the warfare between the "Freemasons" and the "Ultramontanes" has assumed very serious proportions, so much so, that "Emil Rittershaus," a writer of some note in Germany, has recently assailed the Pope in words of intense energy, and pointed acerbity. But we do not think, that we in England need fight our battle with such arms; we surely can afford to stand on our own dignity, and our tried character before our fellow countrymen. We are a loyal, a peaceable, a benevolent brotherhood, and here in 1875, when our quondam Grand Master has left us, the Prince of Wales comes forward, like his Royal ancestor, as our Grand Master, and his two brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, are members of our inculcated fraternity. So let us take heart and go on our way contented and exultant. What matter to us the vapid allocutions of irascible prelates, or the childish outpourings of sectarian vials? what hurt do the criticisms of self-made critics or the bombast of ignorant assailants do us, when we have at our head our Royal Grand Master, and the approval and sympathy of all good citizens and honest men? Let the Pope excommunicate us, let Ritualists, and Baptists, and Presbyterians denounce us; we care nothing for them at all, but like "John Brown," we are marching "onwards" full of good will and sympathy to our universal brotherhood, and ever actuated by kindly consideration for all "children of the dust."

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Several suggestions have been made in the *Freemason* with respect to the Installation—possibly our V.W. Brother Hervey, or our W. Brother Fenn have not found time to read those articles—but I venture to make a suggestion myself, and hope it will "meet the eye." We are led to believe that there will be only one ticket for M.M.'s for each lodge, if so, there must be nearly 10,000 entitled to attend by virtue of office—now amongst those 10,000 who propose to attend, at least 500 will be absent from illness or other pressing emergency, and their seats must be blank, unless otherwise arranged for, as the tickets are not transferable. My suggestion is that an additional ticket to each lodge, to the extent of say 300, should be issued to 300 of the home lodges, to be allotted by each lodge by ballot, amongst the M.M. members, the same as the first ticket will be; it being understood that the brother who is the lucky holder, is only to be admitted to the outer circle half-an-hour before the Grand Lodge opens, and to the inner circle, a quarter of an hour before Grand Lodge opens, and from there they will be passed into the hall to fill up the blanks as far as can be done. Of course, I can see the look of horror to this addition to the labours of all concerned in the successful issue of the grand event, but when they consider the immense regret of the poor M.M.'s, when they are told that, on the average, only one in say 25 can go, they may pity them, and perhaps help them to the extent suggested.

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M. 33 and 452.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you explain the following portion of the regulations as to dress: "Provincial Grand Officers must wear the collars and jewels of the lodges

and offices respectively, in right of which they attend as members of Grand Lodge," as no Prov. G. Offices give the right to sit in G.L., does this mean that Masters, P.M.'s, and Wardens who are Prov. G. Officers must wear in addition to, or instead of the purple collar, the collars of their offices in the Blue Lodge? In short, how must members of G.L. who are also Prov. G. Officers appear.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
W.M. 36, and Prov. G. Reg.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent N.R., W.M. remarks "Could not some opportunity be given to ladies to view the hall after the ceremony, just a quiet march past the throne."

There are plenty of duly qualified M.M.'s who, like myself, earnestly desired to be present, but are shut out, (with the exception of one to each lodge), by the apparent wholesale and indiscriminate manner in which returns have been in many cases sent to Grand Lodge. Whether all those recipients of tickets whose names were so returned, will be present, or not, is open to much doubt, and I am afraid will cause, notwithstanding the admirable efforts of the Grand Stewards, many much coveted seats to be unoccupied by their proper occupants.

Might I suggest, that the M.M.'s left out in the cold, might have the mercy extended to them after the ceremony of even just a "quiet march past the throne," for it certainly seems an anomaly that notwithstanding the vast capacity of the Albert Hall, only one M.M. to each lodge under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, can be found room for.

I am dear Sir, yours fraternally,
ONE M.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is not well, I think, as a general rule, to interfere with those to whom any special duty has been entrusted, and, seeing what an arduous undertaking is before those who are to conduct the approaching ceremony of the 28th, it would ill become me to make any suggestions to those who know so well their business.

As, however, one good idea has already seen the light in your columns, I may, perhaps, be permitted to again call attention to it, and respectfully urge its adoption if it should be found practicable.

There has been, and wisely too, a growing disposition to admit ladies as much as possible to our fetes. I say, wisely, because as the wives and mothers of future Masons they must necessarily exert an immense, albeit hidden, influence upon the well-being of the Craft.

I certainly can answer for one, who has always advanced the cause by every means in her power, has presented her husband with a jewel when he has passed into a superior degree, and who is so thoroughly convinced of the good of the brotherhood, that she brings up her sons to look forward to the day of initiation as a means of making themselves wiser, better, happier, and more useful men.

Would that there were more like her! But this will not be, so long as there is so much uncalled for suspicion engendered by foolishly excluding the helpmates of the brethren from those pleasant gatherings in which they may partake, with equal pleasure to themselves and profit to the brethren whose festivals they adorn.

The ladies hear us talking of the spectacle of the 28th, as, probably one of the grandest in the whole annals of Masonry—could not a view of the Hall (as your Correspondent suggests) be given to them after the actual ceremony is over.

Should more assistance be required, I do not, for a moment doubt, but that plenty of brethren would most gladly act as extra Stewards for this particular purpose.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,
"P.M. & P.P.G.C."

MR. CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

A notre chere Frere Caubet, le Grand Secretaire du Grand Orient de la France.

T.C. Frere Caubet,

Mr. Charles Bradlaugh pretend qu'il a été reçu dans la loge "La Perservante Amitié," en France. Pouvez vous nous informer s'il y a sous la Grand Orient de la France une loge ainsi nommée? Nous ne pouvons la trouver dans le "Cosmopolitain," ou la liste des loges sous le Grand Orient de la France, est fondée sur vos renseignements officiels, et nous craignons qu'il y a quelque erreur dans une telle description. Est ce qu'il y a par hasard une loge sous la Rite Ecossaise du meme nom?

Pardonnez notre interrogation, et agréez mille amitiés fraternelles,

A.B., J.H.T., A.W.,
Frères et Francmaçons Anglais.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the List of Candidates for the Boys' School, published in your paper of the 3rd inst., you state that there are two candidates from Dorset, No. 36, A. J. Green, from Lodge 1260; No. 41, G. W. Stanton from Lodge 417. This is an error; the only candidate from Dorset is A. J. Green. G. W. Stanton is a candidate from Lodge 855, Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire. His father, Bro. G. R. Stanton, resigned membership of Lodge 417, Dorchester, in December, 1865, and left the Province of Dorset; and although he has many friends there who will be glad when disengaged to support the case, it is not brought forward by Dorset; nor can Stanton be correctly described as a Dorset candidate.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. COOMBS, P.G.A.D.C.,
Prov. G. Sec. Dorset.

BRITISH UNION LODGE.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of Masonic meetings, of March 13th, I observed the particulars of the British Union Lodge meeting, and was particularly struck with the word "exclusive," as being applied to this lodge in particular. As there are three other very good lodges in the Town of Ipswich, whose working are quite equal to the British Union, I am at a loss to know why such a term, as I have before mentioned, should be used by that lodge. Perhaps some of your numerous readers, or yourself, can give me an answer? May I also ask some of the members of the British Union why the name of a certain brother was omitted, who, I understand, took a prominent part in the singing of that beautiful hymn to which you refer. I am one of those brothers who like to give honour to every brother to whom it is due, and not exclude any who assist at our Masonic meetings.

I enclose my card, and remain, yours fraternally,
FAIR PLAY.

THE MASONIC CHARITY FESTIVALS.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As two of the Charity Festivals have yet to take place, allow me to caution brethren against a trick which was played off upon me last year at the Girls' Festival, and I hear I was not the only one served in that way. I had four tickets, two of them ladies', which I took out of the envelope, when a Steward took them out of my hand for the purpose of sorting them as I supposed, when heigh, presto! in the most perfectly "Lynnean" manner, a ladies ticket had vanished. I went to the top of the stairs to explain the matter, and regret to say I was subjected to some rude remarks from a brother. I had to purchase another ticket, which I consider somewhat hard, as I reported the circumstance there and then at the office, and the missing ticket must have come in; showing it had been used by some one.

I certainly don't mean in future to let my tickets go out of my hand,

I am, yours fraternally,

P. M.

DRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION.
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Bro.

Your correspondent, "A Rustic Bridge," might have saved himself some trouble, by referring the W.M. to the advertisement pages of the "Freemason," where he would perceive that the Charing Cross Toilet Club, (the principal of which is a well known and popular brother), can supply every article of dress needed at the forthcoming installation,

Yours faithfully,

M.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly tell me how the Principals and Officers in Royal Arch Chapters are appointed, and by whom?

Will you also kindly tell me if the country brethren are likely to have cheap railway trains to bring us to town at the installation, and oblige,

Yours, very fraternally,

A YOUNG R.A.

[We must refer our young companion to the Royal Arch Book of Constitutions. With regard to cheap trains, we have so far heard nothing about them.—ED.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

A special meeting was convened for Tuesday, March 30th, at 2.30 p.m. to be held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, which was fairly attended, considering that it was not one of the regular convocations.

The chair was taken by Colonel A. W. Adair, Past Prov. G.M., supported by Bros. Shackleton, Prov. G. Chap; Vigne, as D.P.G.M.; Gen. Doherty, P.G.S.W.; Inskip, as P.G.J.W.; Else, P.G. Sec.; Payne, Past G.D.; Prov. G. Treas.; Carey, P.G.S.D.; Woodward, Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren having taken their places in the lodge room, received the above and the past Grand Officers, as they entered in procession. Among those present were Bros. Rev. Davy, Past Grand Chap.; Jelley, P.P.G.S.D.; Woodforde, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, and Past P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; Perkins, W.M. 446; Edwards, W.M. 1199; Col. Ford, P.P.G. Reg.; Gordon, P.P.G. Ch.; Milborne, W.M. 329; Bailey, P.P.G.J.D.; J. C. Pigot, P.P.G.C.; Marshall, P.P.G.J.W.; Guyor, P.P.G. Reg.; Cooper, P.P.G.S.D.; Cox, P.M. 329; Clark W.M. 41; Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; Smith, P.M. 53; Simons, W.M. 53; Hill, P.P.G. Purst.; Capt. R. Peel Floyd, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Hunt, P.M. 379; Helps, P.M. 53; Barnett, W.M. 235; Stothert, P.P.G.S.W.; Shum, P.P.G.S.W.; Reeves, P.P.G. Org.; Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; Wilton, P.M. 41, and P.P.G.S.W.; Atwell, P.M. 437; Robinson, 41; Lord, 53; Westcott, 814; Gummer, 41; W. Hunt, 41; Capt. Phayre, 53; Edwards, J.W. 437.

The circular of convocation having been read, and the names of the lodges of the Province having been called and responded to, the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, in appropriate terms, alluded to the object of the meeting, and read the draft of an address of condolence to the Rt. Hon. and R.W. Prov. Grand Master, on the deep affliction which has befallen his Lordship by the death of the Countess of Carnarvon, the adoption of which was proposed by the acting D.P.G.M., seconded by the Prov. G.S.W. and agreed to unanimously.

Another address to the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, on his appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W. Prov. Grand Master, after having been read by the

acting Prov. G.M., was proposed for adoption by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Else, seconded by the Prov. G.S.W., and carried unanimously. After some discussion it was agreed that both should be inscribed on vellum, the former in a plain manner with a black border, and the latter in an elaborate illuminated style.

The following resolution, of which due notice had been given, was passed on the proposition of the Prov. Grand Treas., seconded by the acting Prov. Grand J.W.—"That in the event of the M.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W.P.G.M. of Somerset, taking the chair at the ensuing festival in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Prov. Grand Treas. be authorized to pay, out of the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the sum of one hundred guineas, in aid of the funds of the Institution, the same to be placed on the joint list of the Stewards serving in respect of the several lodges in this province." In support of it the P.G. Treas. stated that the funds in hand amounted to double that sum, besides £300 invested. An attempt was made to introduce the subject of the restoration of the West front of the Abbey, a portion of which has already been effected by the Masonic body, chiefly among those resident in Bath, but the acting P.G.M. decided that the question could not be considered at a special meeting convened for other purposes, to which the business must be entirely restricted.

The charity box was then handed round, and on examination the contents proved to amount to £2 7s. 10d, which it was determined to hand over to the Treas. of the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

The Prov. Grand Sec. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Col. Adair, for so kindly coming to preside on the occasion, which was carried by acclamation.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed at 4 o'clock, and a portion of those present adjourned to the Castle Hotel for a banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire for the transaction of the annual business of the province was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 30th ult., when there was the largest and most influential gathering of the R.A. ever witnessed in this division of the county. This clearly shows that the Order makes steady progress, keeping hand-in-hand in the onward march with Craft Masonry. M.E. Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Supt., presided, and amongst the other Provincial Chiefs, Principals of chapters, &c., who were present during the afternoon, were the following:—Comps. T. Wylie, H.; E. Mongens, J.; H. S. Alpass, S.E.; Dr. J. K. Smith, S.N.; R. Landless, Second A.S.; W. E. Duley, P. Soj.; W. Mossop, S.B.; H. W. Johnston, P. Prov. G.J.; A. H. H. Whitehead, Z. 113; J. Sillitoe, Z. 605; W. Doyle, Z. 249; W. Shortis, Z. 1094; W. Archer, Z. 1086; J. Lunt, Z. 241, P.Z. 1086; W. S. Hawkins, P.Z. 148; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; J. Banning, P.Z. 823; J. Crossley, H. 703; J. C. Gillman, H. 1345; E. B. Harding, E. 1345; W. G. Sharpe, 1086; W. G. Veale, 203; H. Burrows, P.E. 673; G. Morgan, S.E. 86; W. Richardson, P.H. 148; E. Kyle, H. 220; R. R. Martin, H. 1094; J. W. Burgess, 1094; D. W. Finney, P.Z., P.A.S. 148; R. Pearson, P.Z. 220; S. Johnson, P.Z. 220; F. Serjeant, Z. 220; T. Armstrong, P.Z. 216; J. Case, P. Prov. M.E.Z., J. 995; H. Nelson, P.Z. 673; G. Owen, P.Z. 786; J. Hocken, P.Z. 673, and 220; J. Thornton, 673; W. Morris, 673; L. Herman, 673; A. Stephens, P.Z. 32; A. Samuels, J. 241; F. Buxton, Z. 1345; E. Simpson, P.Z. 1051; J. P. Lambert, 673; J. P. Gamble, 1094, J.; J. Skeaf, Z. 216, P.G.O.; J. Armstrong, 680; E. T. Jones, 249; and I. Raw, 249; W. Laidlaw, P.P. 1st A.S., 216; J. Beesley, 2nd P. 216; J. Wood, 249 and 1094, D. Jackson, P. 220; J. G. Jackson, P.S. 249; H. Firth, 249; Rueben Pearson, Z. 995; J. Chiswell, 249; A. C. Morrison, 249; T. Evans, J. 203; J. T. Calton, Z. 673; H. Johns, P.S. 703; J. Prescott, 2nd P. 580; J. Wells 580 and 1086; W. Jones, J. 1138; G. Broadbridge, 241 and 680; T. S. Jones, 605; J. Capell, 249; R. Martin, jun., 220; G. Hutchins, 241; J. Roberts 673; W. Brakenbury, 673; R. Douglas, 667; W. F. May, P. Z. 673; H. Pearson, H. 249; W. Horner, 32; A. Fletcher, 32; H. Jackson, 292; J. B. Blane, 673; W. Jones, P.Z. 249; W. B. Benson, 249; P. Ball, P. G. Janitor; J. Hughes, 249, &c.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened in due form by the Prov. G. Superintendent, after which the minutes of last convocation were read and approved.

In accordance with notice, Comp. T. Wylie, P.G. 2nd P., moved—"That one-tenth of the annual income of Provincial Grand Chapter shall be set apart for the Masonic Charities. It was moved as an amendment by Comp. R. Wylie that one-fourth of the annual income of Prov. Grand Chapter should be devoted to that purpose. This was seconded by Comp. Dr. Smith, P.G.S.N., and carried. Comp. Broadbridge then moved and Comp. T. Wylie seconded a motion, which was adopted, that the first year's apportionment should be appropriated to the Hamer Benevolent Fund.

The following were the appointments of P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—M.E. Comps. A. Stephens; W. Doyle, J.; H. S. Alpass, S.E.; G. Owen, S.N.; Jesse Banning, P.S.; A. H. Whitehead, 1st Assist. S.; T. Buxton, 2nd Assist. S.; T. Armstrong, Treasurer; Reuben Pearson, Registrar; J. Pemberton, S.B.; E. Simpson, S.B.; H. Nelson, D.C.; J. Skeaf, Org.; W. Archer, St.; and P. Ball, Janitor.

At the conclusion of the business, between 40 and 50 sat down to a banquet provided by Fick and Fairhurst, the P.G. Supt., presiding. The toasts included "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, G. Supt., and the rest of

the Royal Family," "The Earl of Carnarvon and Lord de Tabley, the two G. Principals," the last named toast being given by Comp. Alpass. Lord Skelmersdale replied in happy terms, again promising that it was his intention to visit all the lodges in his province. Speaking of the Prince of Wales, he said H.R.H. displayed wonderful interest in all that concerned his Masonic position, and went into even the smallest details.—"The Chiefs and Past Chiefs of P.G. Chapter," and "The Chiefs and Past Chiefs of Private Chapters," responded to by Comp. G.M. Man, of the Victoria Chapter, Eccles, No. 1345, were amongst the other toasts.

Music of an excellent kind was given by Comps. Veale, Haswell, Jones, Armstrong, &c.

MASONIC BANQUET TO BRO. CAPTAIN COLVILL AT BODMIN.

On the 30th ult. a complimentary banquet was given at Bro. Sandoe's, Royal Hotel, Bodmin, to Bro. Capt. Colvill, P.M. 330, P.G.S.W. of Cornwall, in recognition of the long and valuable services which he has rendered to Masonry, and as a proof of the high esteem in which he is held by the fraternity. The banquet was given by the members of "One and All" Lodge, of which Bro. Captain Colvill has twice filled the office of W.M., and invitations were extended to distinguished brethren in the provinces of Devon and Cornwall. The chair was occupied by Bro. Capt. F. J. Hext, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.W.; and the vice-chair by Bro. R. Rich, P.M. 330, P.P.G.J.W.

The company included the following brethren:—J. Hele, W.M. 330, P.P.G.O.; W. J. Hughan, P.M. 131, P.G.D. of England, and P. G. S. of Cornwall; T. Solomon, P.M. 331, P. P. G. S. W.; the Rev. A. H. Ferris, S.W. 496, P.G. Chaplain; R. John, P.M. 131, P.P.G.D.C.; J. G. Couch, P.M. 330, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Geach, P.M. 856, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Guy, P.M. 496, P.Prov.G.D.C.; Captain R. Edyvean, P.M. 330, P.Prov.G.S.B.; J. R. Collins, P.M. 330, P.Prov.G.S.B.; P. J. Wallis, P.M. 330, P.Prov.G.R.; Hon. F. L. Gower, M.P.; H. S. Stokes, Clerk of the Peace for the County; T. Oliver, W.M. 331; J. Crang, Mayor of Bodmin; A. C. Sandoe, P.M. 330; T. Webber, S.W. 75; J. Bartlett, W.M. 856; C. Truscott, P.M. 496; R. S. Oliver, P.M. 330; W. Tonkin, P.M. 977; T. Hawken, S.W. 330; W. Rowe, J.W. 330; W. H. Beacock, J.D., 330; G. Garland, Organist 330; J. Fly, S.W. 1247 (Plymouth); C. Mutton, D.C. 1205 (Stonehouse); S. Trevail, D.C. 330; C. D. Stentford, S.S. 159 (Stonehouse); G. Hawke, S. 330; W. Garland, J.S. 70 (Plymouth); H. Hander, 330; R. Adams, 330; J. G. Vincent, 330; E. T. Crabb, C. Crabb, jun., T. Hambly, J. Oliver, Roberts, Evelyn, Martyn, Stribley, O'Neil, I.G. 330; P. Carroll, Tyler, 330, &c. Unfortunately at the last moment it became known that Bro. Captain Colvill, in whose honour the banquet was given, was prevented, through illness, from being present. The worthy brother wrote a letter expressing his deep regret at the cause of his absence, and offering his fraternal greetings to the brethren.

The first toast was that of "the Queen and Craft," and it was received, as usual, with warm applause.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," the Chairman said the reception given to the Prince of Wales at Plymouth in August last was one in which a noble example was set to England. For its magnificence it was unknown in England before, and it also proved the real strength of Freemasonry in this part of the country. There was no doubt whatever that Freemasonry was prospering beyond measure. It had prospered greatly in Cornwall during the last five or ten years, and it had increased to an enormous extent all over the country. He thanked God for this, because in these days they wanted men who would reflect, and not men who would be led away by hasty and ill-formed opinions. Men of that kind were a danger to the country, because they did a great amount of mischief which very often could not be repaired. Such men, however, were not found among Freemasons (applause).

Bro. Hughan, who responded, and who was very warmly received, said all Masons had reason to be proud of the Grand Lodge of England. It was only founded in the early part of the last century, but already it had originated one hundred Grand Lodges, with ten thousand subordinate lodges, and about three millions of members—(applause). Of late years the Grand Lodge had been severely criticised, and it had been alleged against it that Freemasonry was opposed to religion, to the well-being of the State, and to society in general. But there was a complete answer to the first charge in the fact that there was scarcely a lodge in this or in any other country which had not either a clergyman or a minister of religion for its Chaplain. The voluntary contributions of the London Masonic Charities, by the brethren of this country, amounted to about £20,000 a year. The income of lodges in this country, and of lodges in other countries connected with the Grand Lodge of England, were close upon £150,000, and in all probability the incomes of all subordinate lodges was not less than a quarter of a million annually. (Applause.) This money was very carefully disbursed, and he was glad to say that a great deal more attention was now paid to the education of the children of deceased Masons than was formerly the case. One province alone educated fifty children, an adjoining province educated forty, in London, in the Royal Masonic School for Girls, there were 150 children fed, clothed, and educated, and in the Boys' School the same number, while in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution there were 230 aged Freemasons or widows who were carefully provided for, and who, if they did not get into the institution, received annuities of £36 and £28 respectively. Such an institution, then,

could not be inimical to religion. Nor could it be opposed to the State, because they were now about to instal the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master, and nobody in his senses would endeavour to pull down his own throne. (Hear, hear, and applause.) And an institution that dispensed so many thousands of pounds could not be opposed to society in general. (Loud applause.)

"The Health of Earl Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall," was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bros. Solomon and Couch responded.

"The Health of Bro. Capt. Colvill" was next proposed by the chairman, who deeply regretted Bro. Colvill's absence through illness, and spoke of him in the highest terms. As governor of the county gaol he had never been surpassed for his ability as a disciplinarian, and in his general kindness and forbearance towards the prisoners under his charge. As a Freemason he stood in the first rank of the fraternity, and no man more truly acted upon its principles than did Bro. Colvill. The toast was received with hearty cheering.

Bro. Stokes, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," which met with a cordial reception. Bro. Hext suitably responded.

Bro. E. Leveson-Gower, M.P., who proposed "The Visitors," thanked all those brethren who had come from a distance to do honour to Capt. Colvill, of whom they were all proud. Freemasons were not a limited fraternity, and the more they were brought together from different places, the more would those feelings of benevolence and goodwill be excited, which it was the very essence of Freemasonry to encourage and practice. The greatest curse to mankind was the jealousies that existed between towns, counties, and countries, and one of the pre-eminent merits of Freemasonry was that it knocked down those jealousies. (Applause.)

Bros. Solomon, Webber, Guy, John Truscott, and Sibley responded.

Bro. the Rev. A. H. Ferris proposed "The W.M. and Officers of Lodge One and All."

Bros. Hele, Hawker, and Rowe, returned thanks.

In the toasts that followed, Bros. Rich, Geach, Collins, Edyvean, and the Mayor of Bodmin spoke, all highly eulogizing Captain Colvill.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Tuesday afternoon a large number of the stewards of the late festival of this Institution, accompanied by Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, paid a visit to the Asylum at Croydon, for the purpose of inspecting it and the grounds attached to it, and conversing with the aged inmates of the Asylum. Among the brethren who made the journey were Bros. Major Creaton, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, members of the House Committee; and the Rev. C. J. Martin, P.G.C.; Thos. Cubitt, P.M.; C. R. Miles, P.M. 1365; H. H. Farthing, P.M. 55; Rev. D. J. Drakeford, J.W. 256, P.P.G.C. Somerset; Hayward Edwards, W.M. 1385; E. G. Legge, S.D. 1196; F. A. Manning, Frederick Lodge of Unity, 452; T. S. Carter, W.M. 430, Prov. G.D.; Herts.; H. Smith, W.M. 1360; John Purrott, D.C. 1479; Charles Jardine, P.M. 140; Thos. Jones, P.M. 745; E. C. Woodward, W.M. 382; E. West, P.P.G.D., Herts, P.M. 1327; F. W. Koch, W.M. 1381, P.M. 820.; W. Cutbush, P.M. 1385, Prov. G. Supt. Wks. Herts; W. Body Date, 34; J. Lidner, 25; F. Newton, I.G. 5; J. B. Lemaitre, P.M. 12; Thos. Bull, P.M. 145; W. Kew, Stewd. 143; J. W. Ring, W.M. 72; C. Burley, P.M. 184; Geo. Lambert, P.M. 198, P.P.G.W. Herts; J. J. Berry, S.W. 554; John Kennett, W.M. 141; Charles Atkins, I.P.M. 27; F. Fellows, J. D. 192; W. Hicks, P.M. 77; 483, P. Prov. G.S.B. Kent; and H. Massey (Freemason.)

On arriving at the institution, Bro. Terry conducted the party over the building and grounds, and explained all the arrangements that were made for the comfort and happiness of the old people. He pointed out all the improvements in the building, and that the gardens had all been recently rearranged. The improvements he showed in the gardens were owing to the liberality of Bro. William Cutbush, of Barnet, who had made the institution a present of 300 or 400 trees and shrubs, and that brother hoped still further to add to the beauty of the place, by an additional gift of rhododendrons. After closely inspecting the place, and listening to Bro. Terry's description, the visitors unanimously expressed their approval of the arrangements.

They spent some hours on the premises, and took great pains to examine the practical working of the charity. Before separating for the evening, the brethren thought they could not do better than, over a glass of wine, wish prosperity to the institution, and Bro. Raynham Stewart taking the chair, proposed a few of the Masonic toasts. Bro. Terry, in responding to the toast "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," stated that this visit of the Stewards was the first that had ever been paid to the institution by Stewards of the festivals. He referred, in terms of gratification, to the success of the festival last January, and informed the brethren that through their exertions, the largest amount ever collected in one year for this charity was then brought in. It would be gratifying to them to know, that on account of this circumstance, the committee had been able to add further candidates to the list for election in the ensuing May, viz.: twelve widows and ten men, and that this would make a total number of 246 annuitants on the funds of the institution. "The Health of the Warden of the Asylum," Bro. James Norris, was proposed, and it was mentioned that he was one of the oldest Masons living, having been initiated in the year 1812. The brethren shortly afterwards returned to town, having spent a very gratifying afternoon.

Mr. Alderman Walker, the donor of the new Art Gallery at Liverpool, has requested the Council to give up the scheme for erecting a statue in his honour.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the general committee of the above school was held, last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presided. There were also present Bros. S. Rosenthal, W. Roebuck, Hyde Pullen, T. J. Sabine, Thomas W. White, W. Noak, A. H. Tattershall, Benjamin Mallam, H. Massey, (Freemason), Jesse Turner, F. H. Ebsworth, H. Moore, J. C. Dwarber, John Symonds, George Tree, F. Adlard, D. Bear, W. Collard Moutrie, W. H. Saunders, I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Robert B. Webster, J. G. Chancellor, Richard Spencer, H. Dubosc, and F. Binckes, Secretary. The meeting was very fully attended.

Bro. Dwarber enquired what number of boys passed the late local examinations out of the total body that went up for examination.

Bro. Binckes replied that the number sent up was eighteen, and out of these sixteen passed.

Bro. Dwarber thought this was strong testimony to the efficiency of the head Master, Mr. Perrott. (Hear, Hear.)

The committee then fixed an additional remuneration for Bro. E. Harris, the collector of the institution, and afterwards appointed Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co. their bankers, Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, being a member of that firm.

Bro. Binckes read the letter from the Marquis of Ripon resigning his trusteeship. Bro. Binckes added that a Trustee of the General Fund and a Trustee of the Sustentation Fund would have to be elected at the Quarterly General Court on Monday next.

After some discussion of the question of the head mastership of the school, the report of the committee appointed to deal with the matter was read and adopted.

Two petitions were read, and the two candidates named in them were placed on the list for election in October. An outfit was granted to an ex-pupil, and the committee having passed a vote of thanks to the chairman, adjourned.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PHILADELPHIA.

[We think it well to call attention, for the information of our Brethren, to the following circular.—Ed.]
Tourist and Excursion Offices, Ludgate Circus,
London, April, 1875.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir,

We beg to call your attention to the accompanying Extract of a Letter received from the British Executive of the International Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876, under which we are appointed General Passenger Agents to the British Section.

Yours truly,

THOS. COOK & SON.

[COPY OF EXTRACT]

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1876, AT PHILADELPHIA
Offices of the British Executive,
5, Craig's Court, Charing Cross, S.W.
March 4th, 1875.

Gentlemen,—His Grace the Duke of Richmond, K.G., Lord President of the Council, bearing in mind the able manner in which you conducted the transit arrangements to and from Vienna, both to the satisfaction of the Royal Commission, of which His Grace was a member, and the advantage of the British exhibitors and visitors to Vienna, has instructed me to offer you the appointment of General Passenger Agents to the British Section of the International Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876."

His Grace, aware how well the arrangements you effected at Vienna, worked for the interests of all concerned, desires that similar, and if possible greater, facilities may be afforded in Philadelphia, viz.: that your special representative on this, as on the occasion alluded to, should be under the immediate orders of the British Executive.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

P. CUNLIFFE OWEN, Executive Commissioner.

Thos. Cook & Son.

Under this appointment Thos. Cook & Son have to make on behalf of the British Executive the whole of the arrangements with the Atlantic steamers and railway companies for the conveyance of the Exhibitors, their assistants, and workpeople, and also for the conveyance of the goods to be exhibited; and the Exhibitors may rest assured that every effort will be made to obtain as liberal arrangements for crossing the Atlantic as were made for the English Exhibitors at the Vienna Exhibition of 1873.

A STERLING TESTIMONIAL.

On Monday the 5th instant one of those pleasing circumstances took place at Mouffet's Hotel, Newgate-street, which does not often occur in the city of London. The occasion was the presentation of a testimonial consisting of a very richly chased silver tankard, and a ladies comforter, viz., a silver tea pot (Barnard and Sons), to Mr. George Headington, by his colleagues, on his having completed 50 years service, in the firm of Hutton & Co. Engraven upon the tankard was the following:—"Presented to Mr. G. Headington, upon his completion of 50 years service with Messrs. Hutton & Co., by his colleagues, as a token of their highest esteem. To Bro. Burdett Yeoman, was deputed the honour of the presentation, who stated that like the late Duke of Wellington, he believed that he had done his duty; of which the noble Duke was a true type, and said he, whilst a man does his duty, there are three powers he can defy. The Deity, man, and the devil. The Deity loves all men, and every man that does his duty, because in this essential there

is no fear, for where fear there can be no love, to do duty is love. After a fervid and terse speech. Bro. Yeoman concluded, in the name of all present, by wishing Mr. Headington continued health and prosperity, with God's blessing. The friends sat down to a good Englishman's supper, which did the host credit.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ARCHIVES OF THE MASONS' COMPANY.

It gave me great pleasure to read the note by Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, that we are likely to get some information about the contents of the books of the Masons' Company of London. I have long had a wish to know something about them, believing they might be able to throw some light upon the early history of our Order. I trust our Rev. Brother will shortly be able to publish exact copies of several of their old minutes, about and prior to 1717. In connection with this, I would call attention to an article upon "Freemasonry," in *The Graphic* for December 19th, 1874, in which we are told "it is an historical fact that Henry VI. was initiated into Masonry in 1453, and was in the constant habit of attending lodges." We are also told that our William III. was a Mason, initiated in 1690." Now I would beg to ask the author of this article in *The Graphic*, where the evidence exists that Henry VI. was a Mason, and attended the lodges? And as to William III. I would ask: Where is the proof that he was "initiated in 1699?" and—supposing such really took place—in what lodge? Perhaps Bro. Woodford will be able to find out whether or not William III. joined the Masons' Company. Another assertion made in the *Graphic* article of date December 29th, 1874, is that the Duke of Edinburgh is a Mason. May I ask when and where the Duke of Edinburgh was initiated?—W. P. Buchan.

ERRATA.—At page 125, third column, second line, read "146th anniversary," and in sixth line, for "Michael Canmore," read "Malcolm Canmore."

Rebuclos.

We have read, with singular pleasure, a little book, lately published by Tweddell and Co., Stokesley, Yorkshire, and compiled by the wife of our well known Bro. G. M. Tweddell, entitled "Rhymes and Sketches in the Cleveland Dialect." Being, from long residence, always ready to say, "I see Yorkshire," we have perused the tiny volume with the deepest interest and pleasure. Both the rhymes and the prose are equally effective and true, as we can assert from a long residence in Yorkshire. We feel sure, that were several of the extracts of Mrs. Tweddell's zealous labour of love, read out to a Yorkshire audience, and this is the best of all tests as to truthfulness and effect, great would be the applause, heartily expressed would be the admiration. One friend of ours, of many years, we hear even now, whose rendering of either the humorous or the pathetic pieces, whether of "Polly River's Visit to Stowlsay Castle, Stow," or "The Poor Mother's Lament for her Little Bairn," would draw alike smiles and tears from a warm-hearted Yorkshire gathering. Even his own inimitable story of the amiable "Beer," and the courageous Yorkshire "Young Wumman" would pall in comparison before Polly's vivid description of the "two loving doves" and their "coo, coo, cooing." We hope that a large circulation may encourage Mrs. Tweddell to persevere in similar efforts, as we feel sure, that, like the ironstone of pleasant Cleveland, she has struck happily on a vein of sterling "metal," not yet by a great deal, exhausted, and capable of being further worked out with pleasure and with profit. We commend the "Rhymes and Sketches in the Cleveland Dialect," to the notice of all our Yorkshire readers, nay, and for the matter of that, of our "Southerners" too.

A FRIEND IN NEED.

A circumstance occurred in Enniskillen lately, which might be of interest to Masonic readers. A man named Arthur Petty was admitted a pauper into Enniskillen workhouse, the master of which, Mr. Alex. Prince, highly esteemed as a man, is a R.W.M., of St. John's Lodge, and he held the office of Prov. G. S. Bearer for many years. Petty had been a Mason, and in consequence been denied the rites of his (the Roman Catholic) church for over 20 years by the parish priest of Tempo, where he had resided. Although he had not sat in lodge for many years he still held to the Craft which taught him the mysteries of the compasses and the square. Shortly after his admission the paupers and the Master recognized each other as brethren.

Petty got seriously ill and lay on his death bed. The master was at a loss to befriend his poor brother, but determined to try. He sent for the workhouse chaplain and directed him to the bedside of the dying man. The Chaplain, Rev. Mr. M'Kenna, administered to the dying man the rites of his church; and was leaving the house, when the Master met him, with a cheerful smile on his countenance.

"Mr. M'Kenna, you have obliged me greatly."

"How?"

"You have given the consolations of religion to a brother of mine, to Arthur Petty. He was a Freemason, and has been refused the rites of his church the last 20 years. But you have been very kind."

The Rev. gentleman smiled good-naturedly, although he had been told, and went his way. As for Bro. Price he had done his duty as a man, a Christian, and a Mason. Query—Petty was virtually excommunicated by the Pope as he did not recant. Father M'Kenna "fortified" him with the rites of the church. Which will have most effect with the G.A.U., in the Grand Lodge above?

W. COPELAND TRIMBLE, W.M. 91.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, April 16, 1875.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12. See Advt.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1446, Mount Edgecombe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
" 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-street, W.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Albion, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limchouse.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Wapping.

Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 55, Constitutional, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arm's Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Buil and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.
Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
Mark Lodge, 176, Era, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Rose Croix Chapter, "Invicta," 33, Golden-square.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Burdett Couitts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 17, 1875.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
Chap. 537, Zion, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescot, at 4.
" 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 3.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-st., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Ho., West Derby, at 5.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, April 17, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 204, St. Paul, Whip Inn, Ayr.
" 205, Gauthland, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
" 384, Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows Hall, Helensburgh.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Prince of Wales Hall, Crosshill.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
" 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.
" 203, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
" 405, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James, Kingston.
" 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st., Renfrew.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthus-street, Glasgow.
" 543, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Dalmar.
Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 107, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 510, Maryhill, 176, Main-st. Maryhill.
Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.
THURSDAY, APRIL 15.
Lodge 22, St. Johns Kilwig, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 167, Free Operative, Masonic Hall, Biggar.
" 465, St. Andrew, Garnagad-road.
" 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 31, St. Mary's, Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Well Gate-st., Larkhall.
" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-street.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 471, St. Johns, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hotel, Larkhall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 524, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.
" 544, St. Andrews, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.